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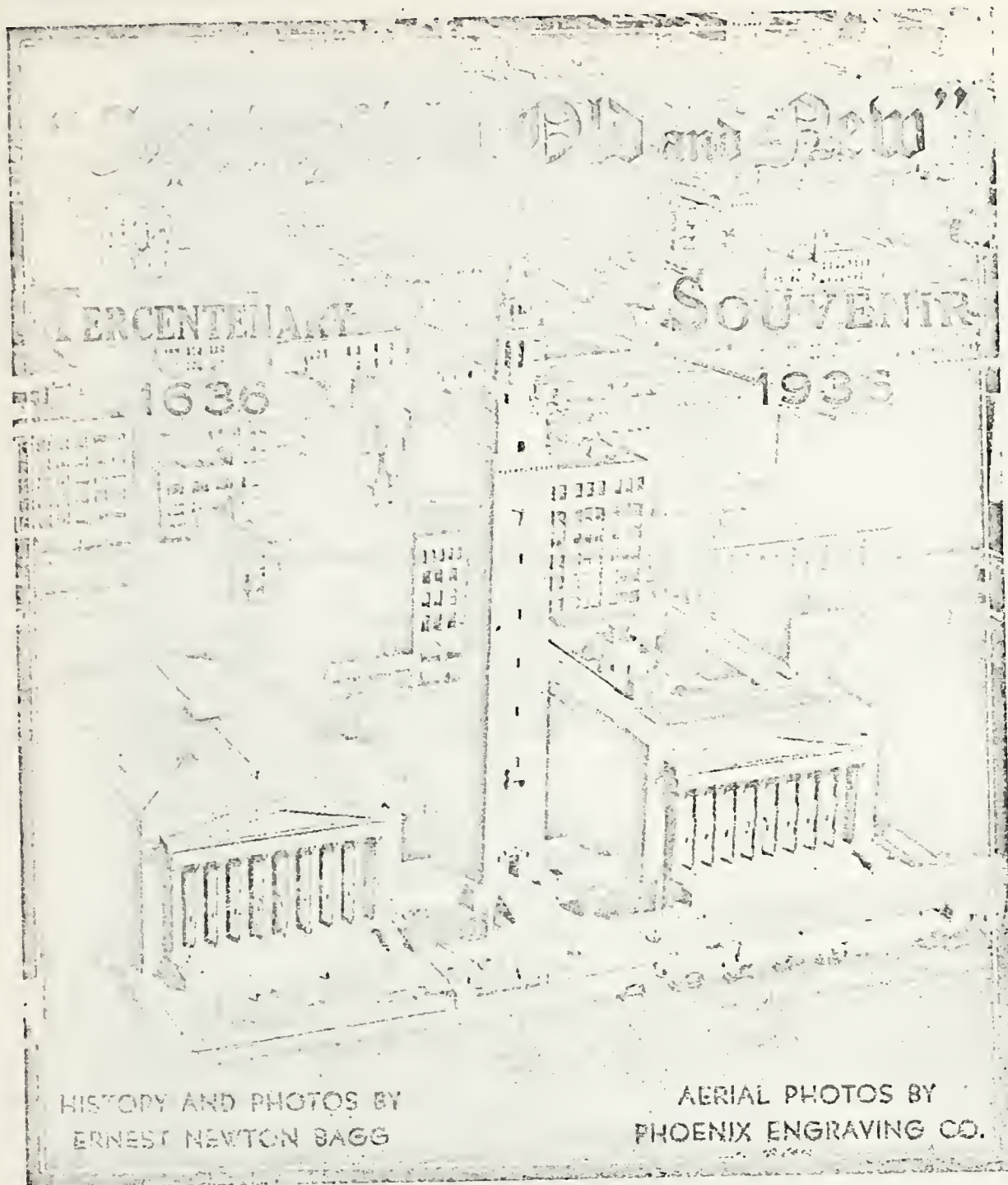
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SPRINGFIELD Old and New . . 1636-1936



William Pyncheon

WILLIAM PYNCHON FOUNDER OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
A Patentee and Magistrate under the Colony Charter

Ruling Spirit and Good Genius of William Pynchon

An Unusual and Interesting History of the Founding of Springfield

BY ERNEST NEWTON BAGG

The founder of Springfield, William Pynchon, like his father, John, a graduate of Oxford, was a man of learning, probably an Oxford man as well as being one of the patentees of the Colony, while in England, under Charles I, one of Governor Winthrop's magistrates and "assistants", the trusted treasurer of the Colony, and high commissioner for the "Government of the Connecticut River settlements." Pynchon matriculated at Hart Hall, Oxford, (afterward Hertford College) when he was eleven years old, October 14, 1596. It was the custom to send boys to Oxford at a very early age. Here he acquired great familiarity with Greek, Latin, and Hebrew, and accumulated the theological stores of knowledge of which there is so much evidence in his later works. The historian, Henry M. Burt, says that "William Pynchon was undoubtedly the ablest reasoner and the best scholar residing in the colony during the first century." The one man whom Josiah Gilbert Holland called "the ruling spirit and good genius" of the first decade and a half of the settlements of Western Massachusetts, so thoroughly laid the foundations upon which the later structure of town, county, and city life has been reared, that he well deserves to be called "The Father of the Valley" indeed.

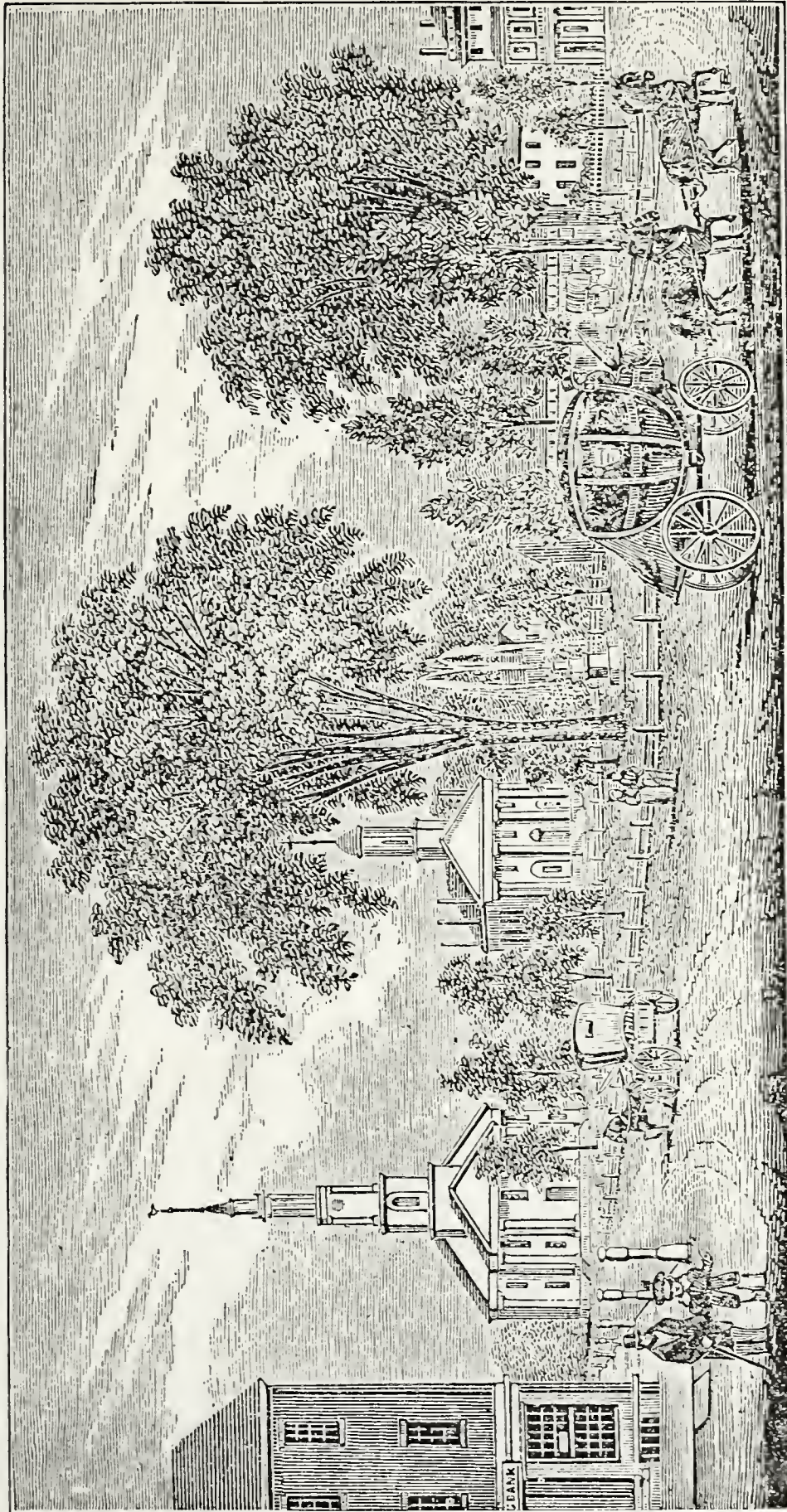
It was the business of trade in fur, particularly beaver, which induced him to go up into the heart of what was then considered the wilderness as well as the New World's fur country, and to create the first outlines of the four counties—Hampshire, Berkshire, Franklin and Hampden, named in their Chronological Order.

When the "Jewel", one of the four ships of Governor Winthrop's daring little fleet, sailed from Southampton, England, March 22, 1630, it carried William Pynchon, the acute, self assertive, resolute, man of large affairs; the "country gentleman" who was also the merchant, and pre-eminently the fur-trader. With him went his wife, Anna, daughter of William Andrews, of Twywell, Northamptonshire, and their three daughters. The oldest was Anna, later to become the wife of Springfield's first recorder, Henry Smith; Margaret, who married Captain William Davis, of Boston; and Mary, who was later Mrs. Elizur Holyoke, whom the ornate tombstone in the old Peabody cemetery at Springfield declares was "A very Glory of Womanhood."

The sea was reported to be infested by pirates, a fact which caused no little dread and apprehension. Once on the toilsome voyage the sight of "eight strange sail" caused an immediate clearing of the decks for action, and the throwing overboard of some things which were considered too combustible. There were anxious hours when the elders knelt in fervent and continuous prayer for deliverance. The fears of the company were turned to joy when the unexpected wayfarers proved to be "friends, not enemies."

An extraordinary storm, continuing ten days, caused much distress; and so tossed and bruised the cattle imprisoned below decks that "more than three-score died" or had to be butchered. When, on the 72d day outward bound, "land was sighted and there came a smell of the shore like the smell of gardens", their joy knew no bounds, Saturday, June 12, 1630, they "came to anchor in the harbor of Salem."

Some of the 180 who had come over on the "Jewel" or her sister ships had died on the way over. Some had strength and courage enough to reach land, though not lasting much longer. Since the little company had formed itself into this historic group, nearly two hundred had been eliminated by death. All its leaders were "men of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." The "Arbella", the "Ambrose" and the "Talbot" were the sister ships of the "Jewel". The first of this trio was named for one of the "stockholders", the Lady Arbella Johnson, widow of the late Sir Isaac, and the first titled woman to reach New England.



COURT SQUARE, SPRINGFIELD, MASS., IN THE FORTIES

*The above is an eastern view of the Old Court House, Congregational Church and other buildings around Court Square.
A part of the Old Hampden Coffee-House is seen on the right.*

Excitements of the enterprise and inevitable nostalgia caused the death of the widow Johnson and Anna Andrews Pynchon, almost immediately. Mrs. Pynchon had come from a paradise of plenty and pleasure, and into a wilderness of wants. Although celebrated for her many virtues, she was unable to cope successfully with the adversity with which she was surrounded. A month after her arrival she "ended her days in Salem."

Pynchon never lost sight of his main objective, that of merchandising and trading in furs. Up and down the coast, trading with both the English and the Indians, sailed the little ships in which he was financially concerned, exchanging the goods he had imported from England for native products, and particularly furs. It is recorded that one of his ships "coming from Sagadahock in October, 1631, was wrecked at Cape Ann, but the men and chief of the goods were saved." No one thing did more to effect the colonization of America than the pursuit of fur-bearing animals, and particularly the beaver. Competition and search for new sources of supply lured the hunter into remote regions, only to be followed by the settler. The beaver furnished food and clothing, and its skin was one of the "chiefest" articles of commerce. On the frontiers it became a unit of currency.

For years the natives knew and desired no other.

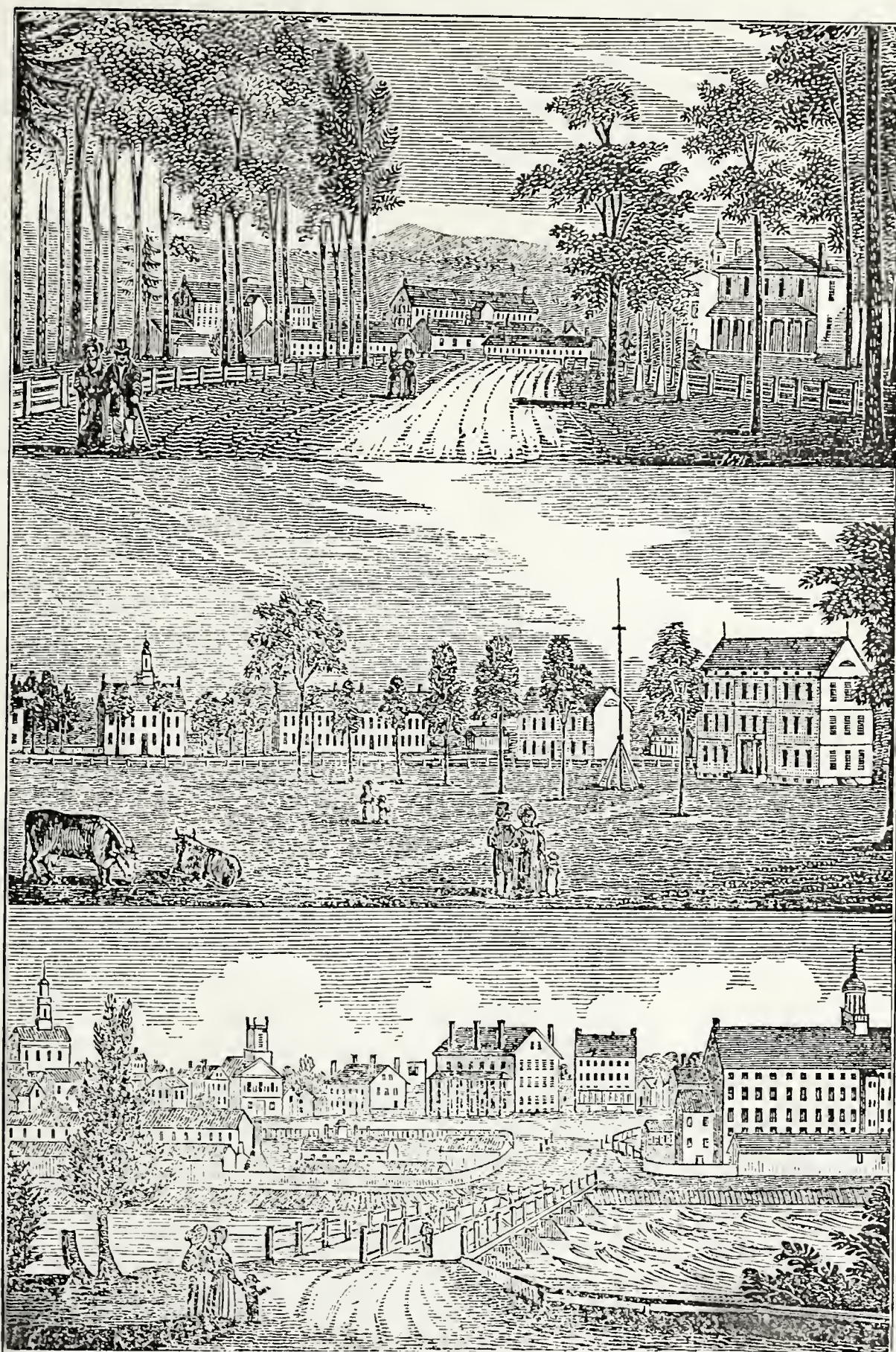
As early as November, 1630, the regulations controlling the price of beaverskins were cancelled, and it "was left free for every man to make the best improvement of it he could."

Mr. Pynchon early became alarmed at encroachments in the territory "leading to great northern lakes" of which he heard and read much; and heard with anxiety that the Dutch had built their fort without interference, as far up the river as Hartford. So, by the earliest opportunity, the Winthrop bark was dispatched up the Connecticut River, and past the Dutch forts, despite the protests of the latter, and built a trading post at Windsor. The commander of this expedition reported that the "Connecticut River runs so far northward that it is within a day's journey of a part of the Merrimac!"

Every scrap of information which Pynchon could obtain helped to fix his intention to develop the resources of the unexplored upper Connecticut. The fear of interference by hostile natives was much lessened by the report brought back, 1634, by one Hall, who, after untold hardships, had fought his way back from the Connecticut, to bring word of terrible ravages of the small-pox the previous Winter among most of the Indian tribes to the north and west.

Governor Bradford's journal relates the futile attempt of the Dutch, established in their fort at Hartford, to dissuade the Indians at Springfield from sending their furs to or dealing with the English in any way. A few of the Dutch, it seems, had gone up in the Winter of 1633-34 to the Springfield Indian fort to stay awhile and induce them to dispose of all their furs in Hartford. "The enterprise failed", says Bradford "for it pleased God to visit these Indians with a great sickness, and such was the mortality that over nine hundred fifty of the thousand (in one fort) died; and the Dutch almost starved before they could get away." Gradually they worked their way back to Windsor, and, by about March 1, 1634, to Hartford. For more than two hundred years this statement remained almost unverified. When the ancient fort on Long Hill, Springfield, was unearthed in excavations for new streets, there were found scores of clay tobacco-pipes, with tiny bowls, each bearing initials which have been identified with those of known Dutch pipemakers of the period. The Dutch emissaries brought these along as part of their equipment of gifts with which to purchase the exclusive trade of the up-river Indians. Most of the latter who made promises to the Dutch on this basis, died of the so-called "providential scourge" before those promises could be fulfilled!

Early in the Spring of 1635, Pynchon made elaborate plans for re-arranging his affairs at the Bay, and establishing fur-trading headquarters farther up the river than any of the other settlers. To that end he decided to personally select when the weather would open, the best possible site for a post. For the subsistence of the traders and their families, farmers would be required; and these, in turn would necessitate



OLD ENGRAVINGS OF EARLY SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Top: Southern Entrance to Chicopee Village. Center: Old Armory Buildings.
Bottom: Chicopee Falls in 1838.

the coming of carpenters and blacksmiths, as a matter of course. His preliminary survey-party was therefore made up of carefully selected members; those particularly suited to the task as well as being helpful with good judgment and practical experience. Hence it was natural that he should take his carpenter-neighbor, Jehu Burr; his own fur-trading helper, Richard Everett; his trusted son-in-law, Henry Smith; young Holyoke, placed in Pynchon's care by the latter's "ancient friend Holyoke of Lynn; one Joseph Parsons, "fluent in Indian tongues"; John Cabel (Cable), able seaman and ship's carpenter, who was an assistant to the latter; a certain John Woodcock, experienced in trapping and trading, but who turned out quite a trouble-maker.

At the Massachusetts Court session of May, 1635, the Roxbury petitioners, and some others, were told they might depart "to any place not to prejudice of any other plantation provided they continued under the same government." Pynchon's first absence from Court for five years was in the fall of 1635, months before Springfield was planted. Pynchon's "shallop" used for this expedition, a light-draught, single-mast vessel, carried the house-material used in the erection of the first dwelling on the Agawam, already referred to. This expedition, like the Windsor and Saybrook ones of the previous year, had for its prime object the establishment of permanent settlement far enough up-river to be "nearest the 'Great Lake', all ready to intercept the Indians bringing down a wealth of furs." This boat was the same "greate shallop which was requisite for the first plantinge", referred to in "compact" adopted the following year.

These details of systematic pioneering and exploration are essential to this first really adequate picture of the progressive, ambitious, super-promoter, "not slothful in business, serving the Lord."

At that time the rapids at Windsor had a greater depth of water than in modern days of dams, and locks at that point. There is evidence to show that after successfully negotiating the rapids in the shallop, the navigators "with a fair wind" proceeded up stream until halted by the "great falls", where the Holyoke dam now is. Learning there that the country immediately above was largely rock, with no substantial out-spread of meadow-lands or swamps in which the beaver was supposed to thrive most, and the wind being again favorable, the shallop came down again. Attempts were vainly made to ascend the "Chick-uppe" ("raging or violent water" in the Algonquin tongue), and the boat descended to opposite the Agawam. This they finally decided compassed "a location most fitly suited for a beaver trade."

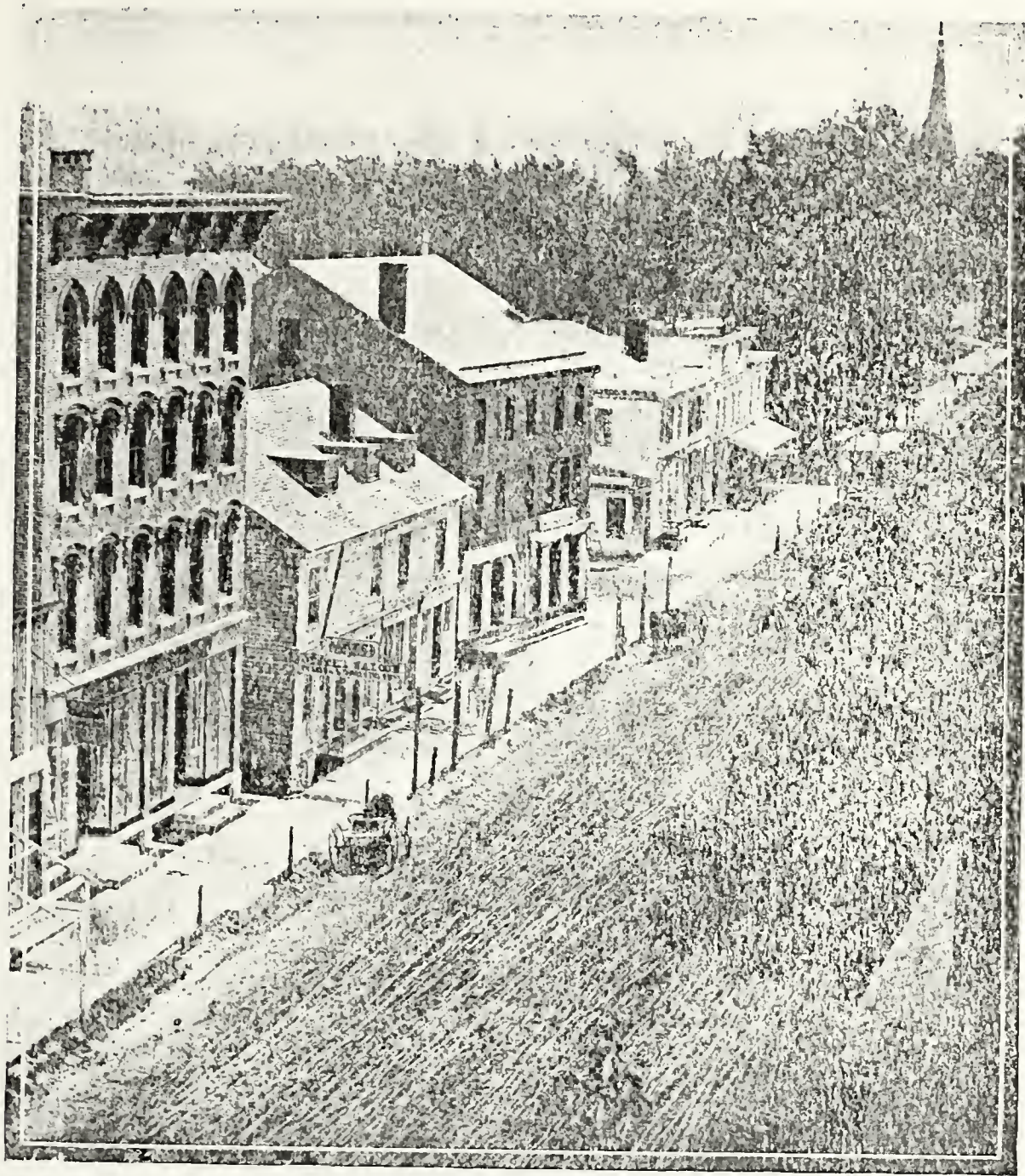
Pynchon lost no time in trying to reach an understanding with the Indians about the land he wanted. Leaving his men Cable and Woodcock to plant, build and keep possession until he should return, Pynchon valiantly hastened back to Roxbury alone and on foot, through the autumn woods toward the sea.

"The direct route but southerly taken by the Indians, following about the present course of the Boston and Albany Railroad, was not known to the English until the following year", says Mr. Wright.

Pynchon was glad to give a roseate report to the waiting Roxburyites who were growing anxious over his protracted absence. The natives seemed friendly enough. Fortune seemed to smile on the "man who dared." He put in a favorable light the advantages possessed by the permanent site he had chosen for extensive fur-trading operations; the virgin forests abounding in large and small game would furnish food and clothing; the rivers teeming with shad and salmon; the abundance of nuts, fruits and berries; the hemp for lines and nets growing at their very doors; and the rich lands suited for all kinds of gardening and farming. Some of the Roxbury listeners were duly impressed, but others shook their heads! Human nature, as always!

On Pynchon's return in the Spring, he received something of a shock. The growing greed of the Indians and the lack of tact and executive ability by those who had been left in charge, were disturbing factors confronting the promoter. Reluctantly he gave up his choice of the west side and set new bounds on the east side of "ye Greate River" and he so wrote this to Gov. Winthrop.

It was in part the inability of the settlers to properly restrain their domestic animals, which con-



SPRINGFIELD'S BUSINESS CENTER, MAIN STREET, IN FALL OF 1861

One of the oldest existing photographs, showing corners of Taylor, Bridge and Worthington Streets, looking south to Old Baptist Church that was located on the corner of Main and Harrison Ave.

tributed to their change of base to the east side. No provisions having been made for fencing, the cattle trampled down the cornfields of the Indians, and the hogs also created much damage, which threatened friendly relations.

The Agawam-side "first house" was undisturbed by floods during that first winter; for it is recorded that certain settlers lived in it "all somer"; and for some time after the more enterprising John Cable had set to work improving his own special allotment of land on both east and west sides.

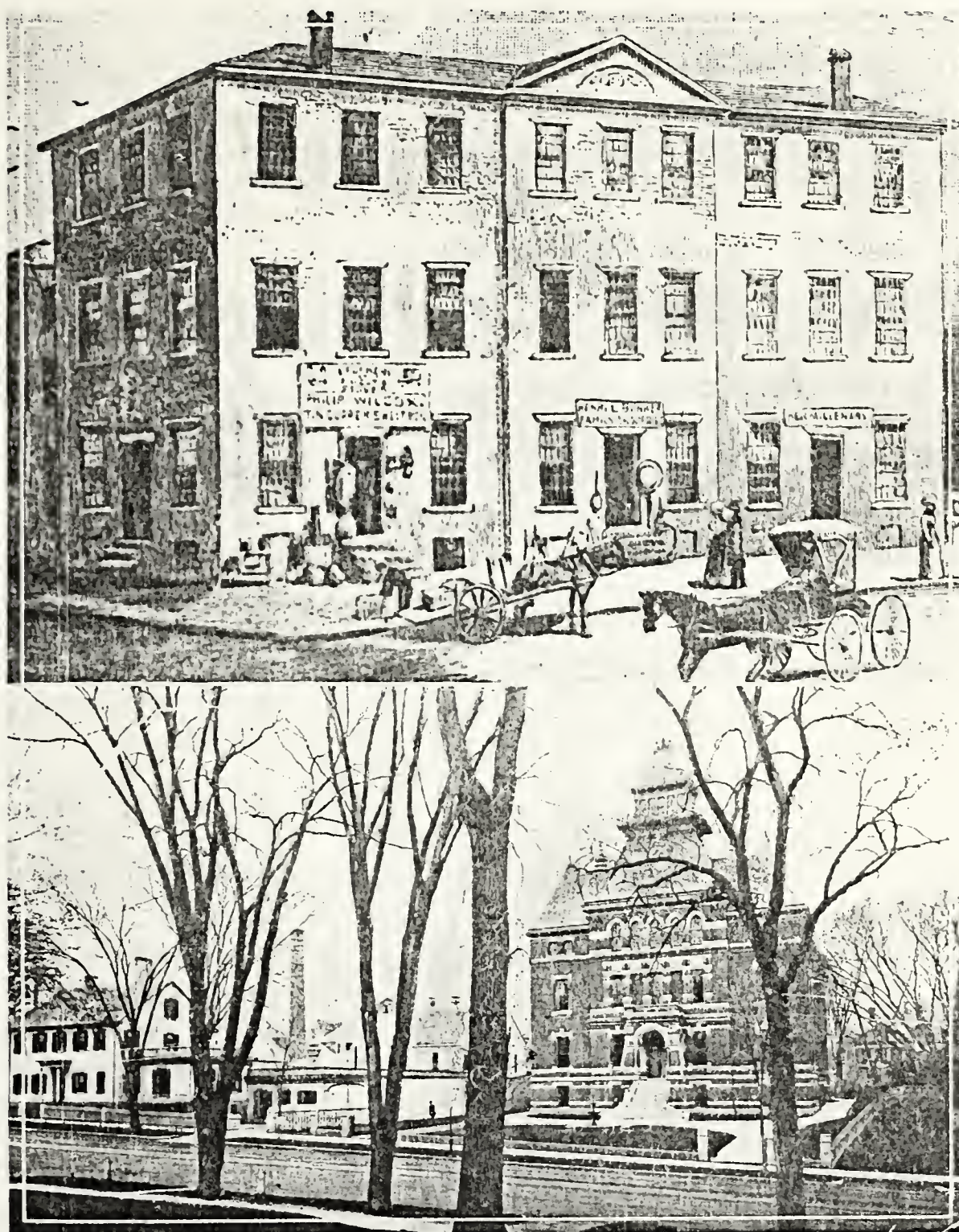
William Pynchon early built the trading storehouse on the Connecticut above Windsor to this day called "Warehouse Point." Here freight was transferred to shallower-draught boats for up-river points. Later the account books of William's son John, abounded in credits in the name of fellow-townsmen for canoe-freight trips between the town and "the Warehouse."

For the attitude which William Pynchon took on the Indian ownership of the lands throughout what is now Western Massachusetts, he was severely criticized by church and state. He always contended that until such time as the natives voluntarily subjected themselves to the government and sold all of their lands without restrictions, they must be considered a free and independent people. The crop conditions at first became a serious problem which called for all the ingenuity the leaders possessed. The hurried preparations for Spring planting after the Colonists arrived resulted in light harvests that year, and the following Winter was one of extraordinary severity. The Spring of 1638 was cold and backward. It was necessary to plant the corn two and three times because much seed rotted in the ground.

On July 15, 1636, Pynchon completed negotiations with the Indians for the desired Agawam lands, with the "ancient natives, Commucke ("he who takes it"), and Matanchan ("old and decrepit one"). When he came to dealing with Menis, Naponpenam, and Wrutherna, for the now thickly-settled territory from Chicopee River to Mill River with a depth (east to west) equal to its length, he was particular to pay the latter in pacification an extra pair of coats—or two more than the others had! Yet this was the same Wrutherna who, forty years after, was the embittered ring-leader of the Indians in the burning of Springfield! Wright states that the name "coates" were not coats in the modern sense of the word. It was merely a strip of cloth made from a mixture of English wool and flax, called "Essex shag",—sixty inches in width. Pynchon imported quantities of this "trucking cloth", for his own trade in furs and other commodities. It was carried in various colors, such as "tawney", "liver culler", violet, and russet. An Indian "large coate" was merely a piece of cloth approximately five feet square, perhaps the progenitor of the Indian blanket of later years. What the deeds term a "small coate", was a shawl-like wrapping about one and one-half yards long; and "coates" still smaller than these were called "childe's coates." The large coats were rated at the value of sixteen shillings each. This fixes the price which Pynchon paid for approximately thirty square miles of territory in one deal, as the equivalent of about six hundred dollars of present money values!

Pynchon and his associate-promoters took pains to find out whatever was of greatest value to the Indian; and these things immediately became units of currency value. Clothing which made him feel more comfortable or better adorned than he was before; ornaments which were of ceremonial value alone; tools and implements the like of which his nearest ancestor never suspected and the use of which materially decreased his labor, left him more time to hunt and fish. The now friendly-appearing neighbors who might in emergency act as a bulwark against invading enemies;—all these desirable things were theirs in exchange for comparatively small tracts of land, much of which was unproductive and of little comparative Indian value. Pynchon found them eager to dispose of lands, and for a price which, in their condition at that time, was wholly satisfactory to them. The white men secured the land they wanted in the only equitable way it could then be obtained.

Almost without exception the Indians of the Valley were well satisfied with the land-dealings of



SPRINGFIELD OF THE PAST

*Top: Old Town House, State Street corner of Market Street, opened March, 1824.
Bottom: Old High School on right with Old Hampden County Jail at left.*

the whites, certainly with the Pynchon settlers. And for the following forty years peace reigned between the Western Massachusetts Indians and the Whites at Springfield.

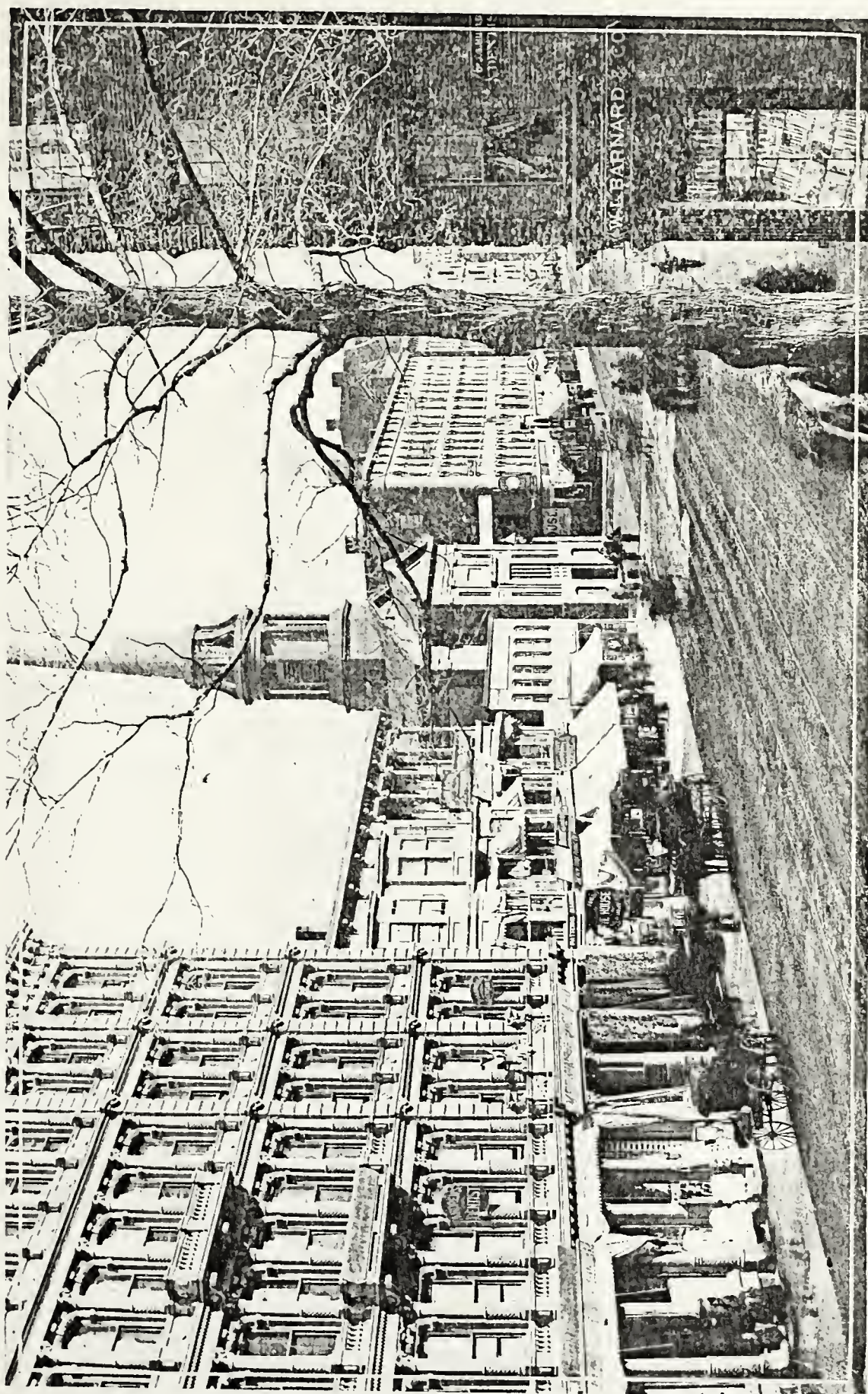
The Colonial laws had been framed to prevent the Indian from possessing guns, ammunition, and other things which would make him harmful to himself and others. Later greedy fur-traders, less scrupulous than Pynchon, supplied arms and weapons to the covetous natives. Once in their hands, the Indians began to feel invincible; and used this new power to revenge themselves, Indian fashion, for real and fancied wrongs. Men of the caliber of Pynchon and Winthrop little feared the hickory bow and stone-tipped arrow; but it was quite another matter to cope with craftsmen who quickly became excellent marksmen with the gun, and clever in woodcraft also.

Pynchon saved the Connecticut Valley from being a battleground in 1648, when the relations between the whites and the natives were strained in surrounding sections almost to the breaking point by insistence on a policy of justice; and this in the face of opposition from his superiors in office. His shrewdness and diplomacy in dealing with certain chieftains over the murder of two groups of peaceable Indian settlers near Brookfield, averted what promised to be sharp conflict. He made the Indian authorities feel that the English were just as keen about the chastisement of native murderers of natives as they would have been had the victims been of their own people. In the words of the junior Pynchon, "They saw our care of them and readiness to protect and revenge them." Pynchon's bold and adroit handling of the affair was such that everybody was satisfied and the threatened danger vanished. It speaks volumes for the wisdom of his dealings with the Indians that as long as he lived he retained their confidence and respect.

MAP MAKING AND MONOPOLY—The old Dutch map by Jasper Danker, published about 1650 and a few years later used by Van Der Donck in his "New Netherlands" has faithfully, even if crudely set down many easily recognized points. Its central motif is the "Versche (Fresh) Rievier" (Connecticut), starting at the south with "Zeebroeck" (Saybrook) and involving "Herfort" and "Voynser" (Hartford and Windsor.) Just above the latter are two allusions to the pioneer who for so many years dominated in affairs of the upper Connecticut. One is the legend "Mr. Pinser's Cleyne Val" (Little Falls) now Enfield Falls, and farther northward still, "Pinser's handel-huys" (trading house), shown as being some distance from the Agawam River. This has been confusing to many; but the explanation is simple. When Thomas Cooper, builder of the first meetinghouse, exploring the Agawam in a birch-bark canoe, was able to portage around the rocky pass at Mittineague, and so follow up the Agawam, (as William Pynchon had been unable to do in his early attempt with the shallop), he found at "Woronoake", most attractive conditions for the Indian trade in furs. So he established himself there in the second "trading house" indicated on the Dutch map, as Pynchon's agent. The third of the Pynchon trading houses was established later in similar manner by Joseph Parsons. His canoe-trip up the Connecticut several miles farther than the Pynchon shallop could go, enabled him to find a good site for a branch post just above the gap between Mount Tom and Mount Holyoke. There, at "Nonotuck" (the "far-away lands"), he established himself as another of Mr. Pynchon's agents to collect furs from the Indians.

To Mr. Pynchon was given the monopoly for fur-trading in the Agawam district by the General Court at Hartford, held April 5, 1638, while it was being contended that the settlers at Springfield were in the jurisdiction of Connecticut. The lower Court distinctly "ordered that none should trade there for beaver but those hereafter named, and if any others trade for beaver they shall forfeit five shillings per pound (about seven one-half shillings per skin), "for every pound so traded!"

Although we have no record of the actual results of the fifteen seasons during which Mr. William Pynchon actively operated, yet when he returned to England at the end of that time, his son John, continuing the business, was in the habit of sending two thousand beaver skins annually to England. It is



VIEW OF MAIN STREET IN THE EIGHTIES, SHOWING THE OLD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

reasonably certain that in the prime of the business, before the number of traders had grown large, the father's shipments were considerably heavier. Pynchon's other chief trading-representatives, besides Cooper and Parsons, were David Wilton of Northampton, and John Westcarr of Hadley. His usual allowance for the beaver-skins secured by these agents was fifteen shillings apiece. At one time he paid ten shillings a pound for 3,572 pounds of beaver fur, which involved a sizeable sum of money for those days.

Chroniclers seldom mention the smaller, day-by-day troubles confronting the Pynchon coterie—comparatively insignificant, but very real in their historical effect, and supplying true coloring to the picture.

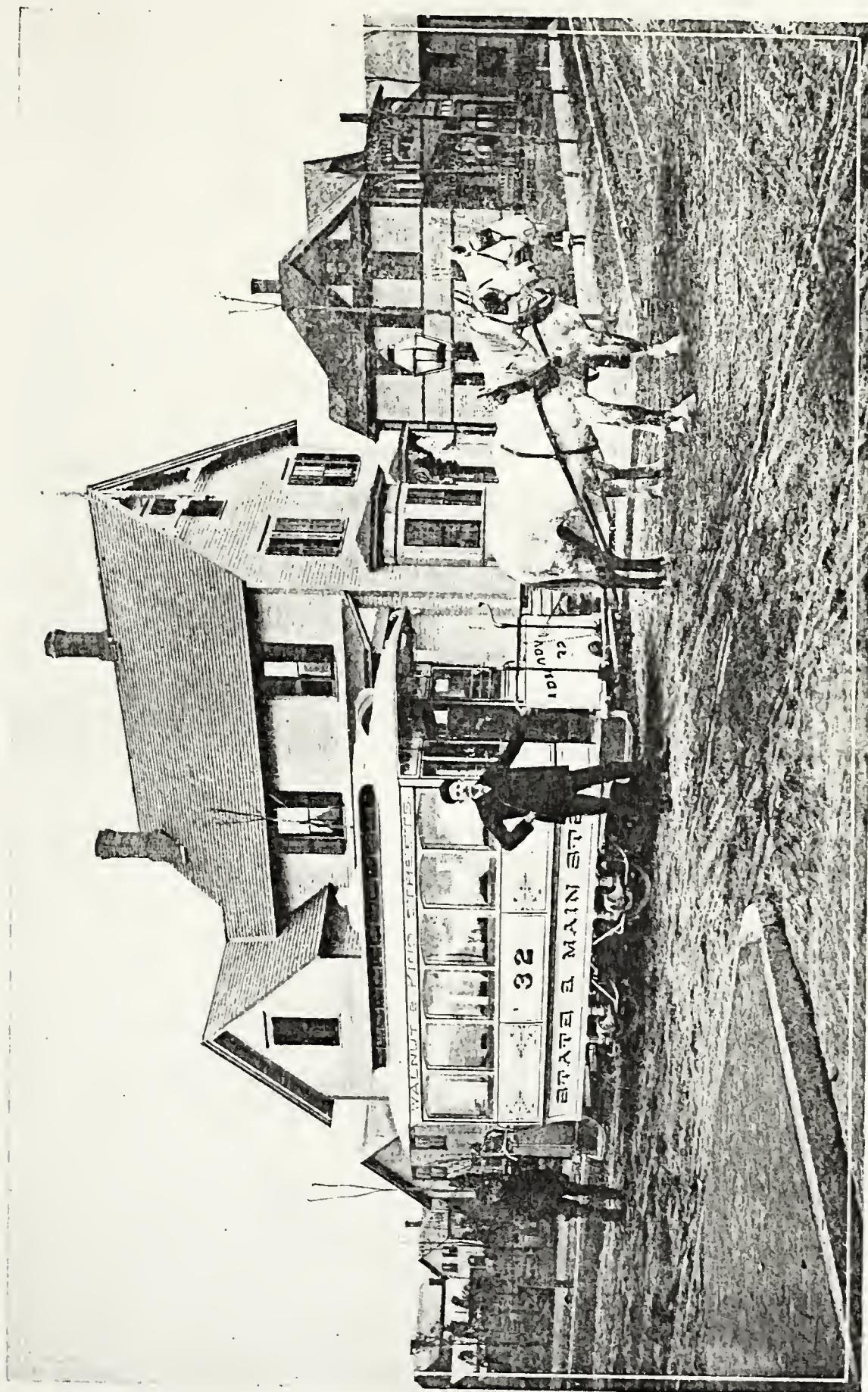
The elder Pynchon was not reimbursed for the thirty pounds of purchase money he advanced in 1636 for the Agawam land until after 1647, when it was "voted that ye 30 pounds which is due Mr. Pynchon shall be rayased on all ye alotments . . . from each inhabitant for his purchase of ye land from ye Indians."

Appreciating the ready market for the corn which was raised by their women, the Indians began, in 1639, to "break up" new ground already granted to the English, contrary to agreement. A committee of three whites was then appointed to confer with the Indians and take out the bounds beyond which they should not pass in land-cultivation. No attempt was made to restrict their labor in the domain which by agreement had been left to them; and the white representatives, Rev. Mr. Moxon, Henry Smith, and Thomas Mirick, satisfactorily curbed this source of annoyance. Swarms of "moskeetoës", too, began to cause the settlers vast annoyance!

It is recorded that in April, 1640, such was the scarcity of timber partly due to the Indian custom of burning over their lands in November, that without special permission, not even "canoe trees could be cut or destroyed within the bounds of the plantation." In March, 1647, on account of the great, "scarcity of tymber about the towne for buildings", the selling of any timber to out-of-town buyers was expressly prohibited. The new settlers found the pine and oak more useful to them than all others of the trees with which they had been unacquainted. The former furnished the candlewood or "weakshackquock" of the Indians; and the latter a much larger variety of acorn, for "hog-mast", than the English oak. Sickness, and weather conditions, too, were among the worries of William Pynchon. In July, 1646, there is record of a "great damage to grain by a caterpillar like a black worm one and one-half inches long" especially destructive to almost the whole crops of wheat and barley. June, 1647, was very cold, with frosts killing many growing things; and "an epidemic" sickness, sparing neither English, Indians, French nor Dutch. "The New England Adventure", covering less than two decades for the "Ruling Spirit and Good Genius", had proved exciting, strenuous, highly successful and completely creditable to His Excellency, William Pynchon.

In June, 1638, two years after the settlement, "in the afternoon, it being clear, warm weather, with a westerly wind, came a great earthquake . . . continuing for about four minutes. . . The earth was unquiet for twenty days after, at times!"

The founder of Springfield was not in accord with the chief men at "The Bay" in theological matters, who had for some time looked askance at Pynchon's rather outspoken utterances both in and out of the church. The storm broke when "The Meritorius Price of our Redemption, Justification and Cleering it from some common Errors", was published in London in 1650. Copies of this rare work reached Boston at the October term of Court that year, and produced mingled dismay and consternation. So important did the authorities (some of whom had fled from the home-land danger of like persecution) feel this evidence of liberalism to be, that all obtainable copies, with exception of a handful saved for evidence in Court, were ordered to be "burned in the Market Place, at Boston, by the Common Executioner, after lecture!" The orthodox stalwarte Rev. John Norton of Ipswich, was ordered at the time



A REMINDER OF THE PAST, A SPRINGFIELD HORSE CAR

to prepare and publish a reply to the pernicious work of "William Pinchin, Gentleman of New England!" He did so and demanded and received good pay from the Court for this elaborate "reply."

In pursuance of his careful plans for retirement, William the Founder conveyed to his son, John, as a gift, September 28, 1651, all his lands and buildings on both sides of the river at Agawam and Springfield.

The new magistrate, Henry Smith, appeared at the October term of Court, but William Pynchon did not. On hearing that the man accused of heretical tendencies was to absent himself, it was promptly "voted, that the Court is willing that all patience be exercised toward Mr. Pynchon, that, if it be possible, he may be reduced into the way of truth!"

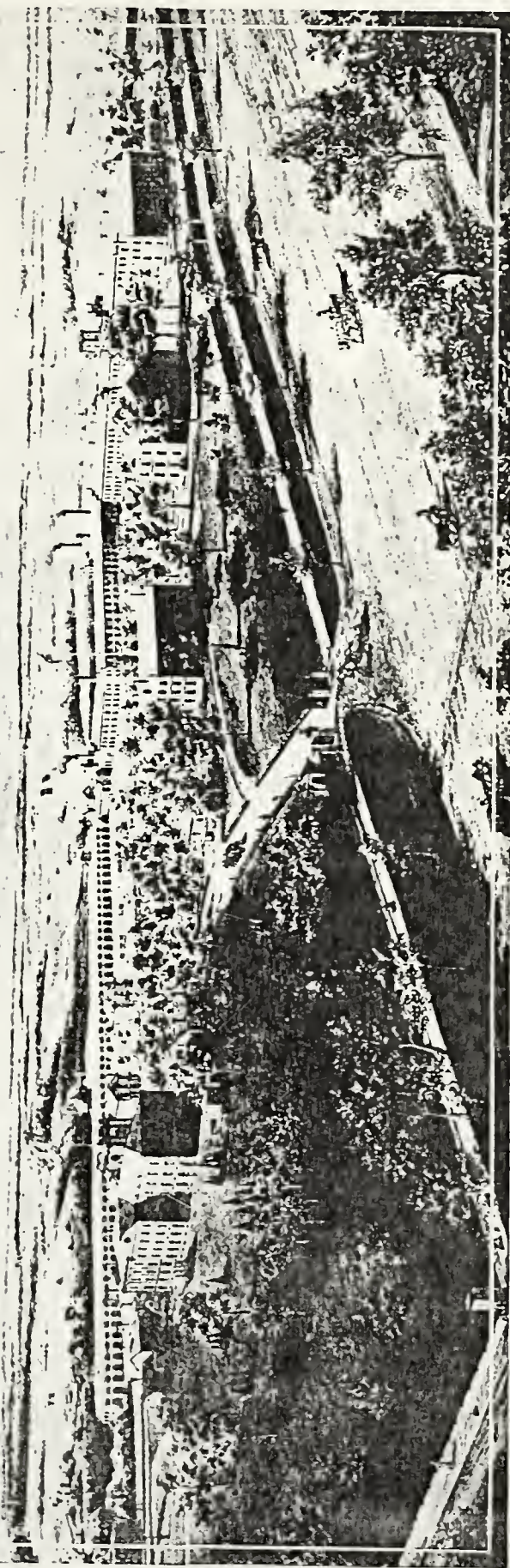
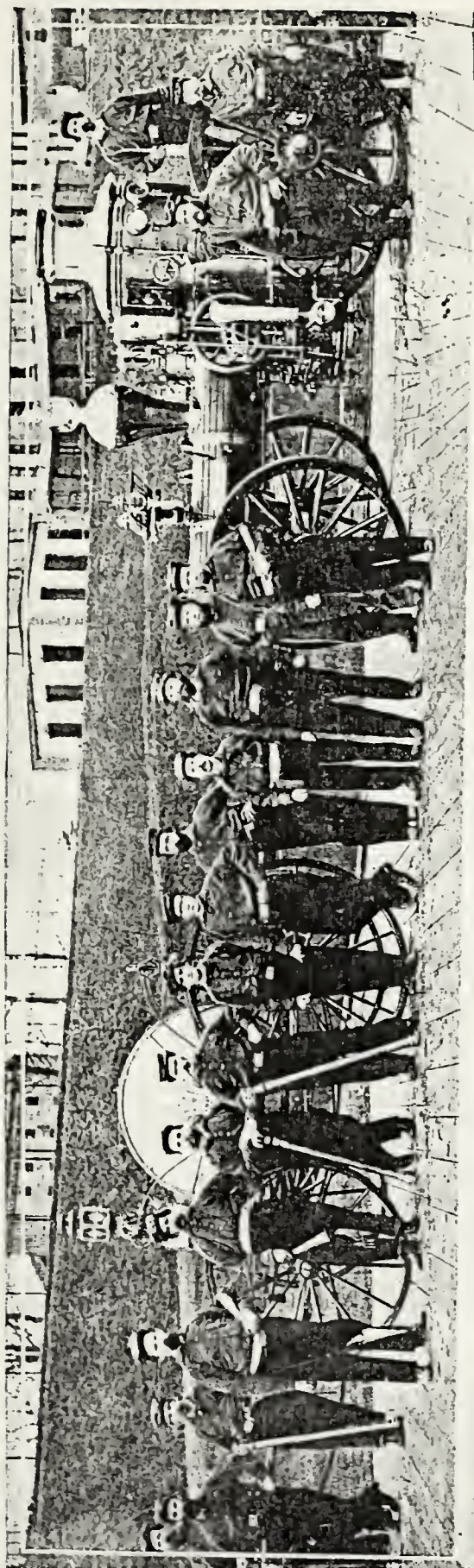
In case he should not give good satisfaction, the Court doth therefore order that the judgment of the cawse be suspended till the court in May, and that "Mr. Pinchon be enjoined under the penalty of 100 pounds to make his personal appearance at and before the next Court to give full answer:—otherwise to stand to the judgment and censure of the Court! And it is ordered that the answer by Mr. Norton shall be sent to England to be printed."

William Pynchon, now sixty-two years old, had given the best years of his life to the upbuilding of the colony. He possessed not only rare executive ability but the vision to see which principles should make for the greatest permanence in the State. He had founded two great settlements which flourished. He had promoted a most successful business, and had vigorously maintained the principles he believed in. He was no coward; but he saw the uselessness of continued controversy with the little handful of leaders of thought in the new world, some of whom were by no means his equal in either intellect or education. In the last analysis he found himself only slightly at variance with certain nice points in basic principles held by a few ministers, and the leaders in the colonial legislature. The intolerant reception in Massachusetts given his little book was doubtless to some extent a disappointment to him and his American friends. But he knew there were numerous friends abroad who would express interest and even approval for his religious views. Undoubtedly the book episode hastened his plans for returning to his native England,—an ambition quite worthy of any prosperous, successful man of large affairs. But that fire proved a great help to the sale of new editions of more of the same ideas!

The founder of Springfield passed through Hartford on his way home in July, 1652. With him was Rev. George Moxon, who had arrived at "Agawam" in 1637 with his family.

Henry Smith followed his father to England on a later ship, though the wife, Anna, decided to remain with her sister and brother in Springfield. It is certain that Smith stayed over until sometime later than the date of his making his wife his "lawfull Attorney to dispose of any of his lands, houses or goods." William Pynchon's hundred-pound forfeit for not appearing before the intolerant Massachusetts Court when it met the following May was honorably paid; and it must have been a disappointment to some who were so unexpectedly deprived of another chance to labor with the author for his "errours and haeresies!" They were to hear from him later, and in no uncertain way.

Another proof of Henry Smith's staying until after the main Pynchon party had returned to England, is found in the Anna Smith deed of 1654. This contains allusion to the "deed under his hand" made October 17, 1652, "when the said Mr. Henry Smith who since went onto England." The deed also fixes the exact date of the settlement of lands on his daughter Anna by her father as April 17, 1651. It is in the fine legible hand-writing of another son-in-law of Pynchon, the Elizur Holyoke before mentioned, whose signature as one of the three witnesses is attached to this deed of 1652. It is to be recalled at this point that the same "Captain" Elizur Holyoke, first man to be married in Springfield (at very near the time he drew up and signed this paper) was appointed Magistrate in place of his brother-in-law; but another evidence of the respect and esteem in which all members of Pynchon's family were held by the General Court, regardless of any religious differences.



Top. Famous old fire-fighting company. "The Waterspout Engine Company", which stood fast on Memorial Sunday afternoon in May, 1870, stopping at Vernon Street the great fire which threatened to burn the whole of Springfield.
Bottom: The United States Armory in 1864. The Manufacture of small arms began here in 1795.

Abigail Smith, eleventh of Anna's children, was but six months and eight days old when her mother signed this interesting deed of relinquishment of about twenty-seven acres of valuable Springfield land to her brother, John, "for the summ of Five & Twenty pounds." The John Allyn, whose name is also signed as a witness, is stated in Burt, volume II, to be a Hartford nephew of John Pynchon.

"CONVINCED" AGAINST HIS WILL—That the Western Massachusetts pioneer-promoter had decided to remain, so far as religious views were concerned, "of the same opinion still", is apparent from his course when he reached home. Whatever errors he had made were plainly those of judgment rather than conscience. In May, 1653, he purchased land in Wraybury, Buckinghamshire, near his Bulstrode family connections. The same year he published "The Jews' Synagogue, A Treatise Concerning the Worship Used by the Jews", and Rev. John Norton's reply to Pynchon's "Meritorious" first edition, was published in England about the same time. Pynchon's pen was the busy one of a man by no means crushed or cast down. He published in 1654, a treatise on "The Time When the First Sabbath Was Ordained", in 1654, and quickly followed it with another treatise on "Holy Time, Or the Time Limit of the Lord's Day", both with his own name. The greatest of his works was published in 1655, a new and enlarged edition of the book which had been called heretical; "The Meritorious Price of Man's Redemption, Or Christ's Satisfaction Discussed and Explained", by William Pynchon, late of New England." In this he controverted Mr. Norton's arguments, and strongly reaffirmed his own views, this time in a work of four hundred and forty pages. There is a single copy of this in the library of Harvard University. Thus are some "convinced against their will!"

He followed up the success which this book proved with his last religious book, "The Covenant of Nature Made With Adam,—Cleerd From Sundry Great Mistakes." In this volume he dates the preface, "From My Study, Wraybury, February 10, 1661."

In 1657 William Pynchon sent to his son John in Springfield, the oil painting from which the founder's portrait used in this volume was obtained. This was a year of real sorrow for him. On October 10, 1657, his wife Frances died at Wraybury and there was a largely attended funeral for this former Springfield resident. Weeks later, from America, came the news of the death, sixteen days after that of her step-mother, of Pynchon's daughter, Mary Holyoke, "a very glory of womahnood", as her elaborate tombstone in the Peabody cemetery at Springfield declares. "I am the more solitary", wrote Pynchon "as son Smith is of a reserved melancholy, and my daughter (Anna) is crazy!" She lived until after her husband's death in 1681. William Pynchon, the founder, died in Wraybury aged seventy-two years, October 29, 1662. This was the very year that "Hampshire County" was formed including all of the present counties of Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire.

William Pynchon had no other children than the four already mentioned, John being his only son. The 1638 letter of Rev. George Moxon to Governor Winthrop, already quoted, contains the allusion to one of Pynchon's numerous hired helpers, which has misled so many historians:—

"Mr. Pynchon lately lost a boy who, tendinge cowes near our river, too venturously went into a birchen canowe, wch overturned & he was drowned."



Main Street and Harrison Avenue, The Blizzard of 1888

Haynes & Company are 87 Years Old

Founded in 1849 by Tilly Haynes . . now recognized
as one of New England's Outstanding Clothing Stores

More than 87 years ago . . . in April, 1849 . . . Tilly Haynes established the firm of Haynes & Co., in a one-room store on Main Street.

Through the years, under the able guidance of the founder and his capable successors, the firm established a reputation for business integrity, absolute reliability and honest merchandising methods that brought them ever-increasing patronage and necessitated many changes in location to secure larger quarters.

In 1880, the present Haynes building was purchased, and two floors were devoted to the firm's uses. In 1901, the entire block was occupied by the firm, and in 1914 the entire building was remodeled, to better fit the store's needs.

To-day, this great clothing establishment occupies five spacious floors in this entirely modernized building . . . a store that is recognized as one of New England's outstanding establishments in the Men's Wear field.

The present management, under the successful guidance of K. C. Dowley, is adhering strictly to the traditional Haynes principles of honesty, reliability and fair dealing which were the foundation stones on which the Haynes store was built, and has added to these the modern methods and ideas in merchandising and selling that add to shopping enjoyment and insure excellent values to all customers.



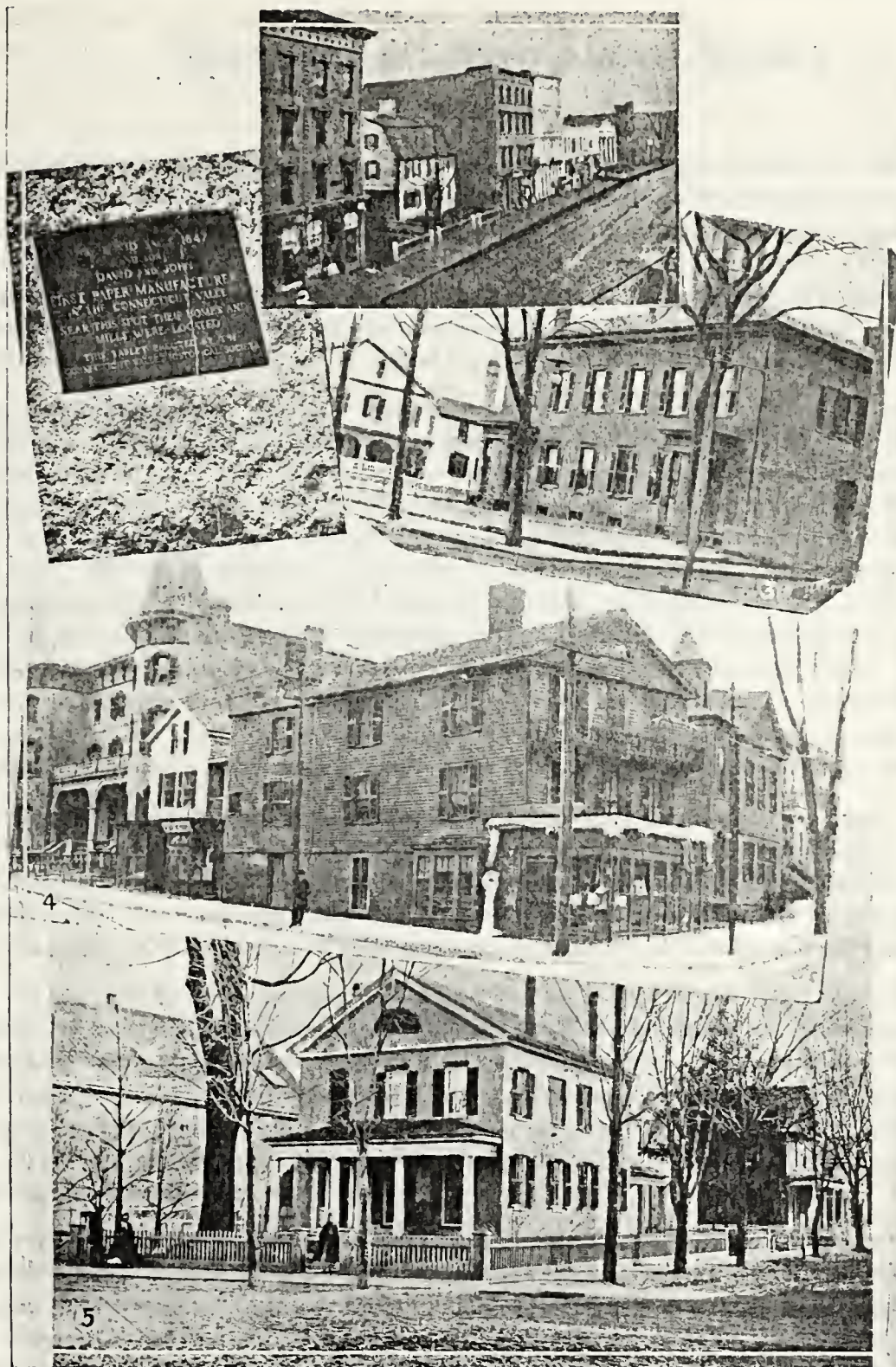
The Old Agawam Ferry which did service previous to the erection of the South End Bridge

Since 1845 the name E. A. Whipple has been identified as one of sterling worth and absolute dependableness, and a veritable landmark in Historic Springfield. Emocg A. Whipple, born in Hawley, Sept. 27, 1820, came to Springfield a town of 8000 in 1835 to learn watch making and served his apprenticeship under the late Seth Flagg and Henry Sargent, the latter being the first watch maker to open a shop in the town. Mr. Whipple began business for himself in Springfield in 1845 in a store at the corner of Main and State Sts. At one time Mr. Whipple went into the Gold Chain Manufacturing Industry at the corner of Sanford and Court Sts. When the 1st Wesson factory was built his firm went there under the name of King, Whipple and Morehouse and took the entire top floor, then the war broke out the business was seriously affected as most of the trade had been with the South. The firm was dissolved and in 1861, Mr. Whipple went into business alone. Later he transferred the business to his sons Oscar N. Whipple and Charles E. Whipple under the name of E. A. Whipple & Sons., Inc. Mr. E. A. Whipple died in 1900 at his home at 46 Florence St.

The firm at no time in nearly a century of business in its several locations has been but a short distance from its present location.

E. A. WHIPPLE & SONS., INC.

128 State St. - Tel. 3-8313



ALL LANDMARKS OF THE PAST

1. Tablet erected to David Ames and sons. 2. Old Daniel Lombard Place on the corner of Besse Place and Main St. 3. First High School. 4. An old house of the early settlers. 5. House of William Howe, brother of Elias Howe, inventor of the sewing machine; it stood on the corner of Main and Worthington Streets, opposite the Old Post Office, picture taken in 1867.

Springfield's United States Armory

BY ERNEST NEWTON BAGG

The selection of Springfield as the safest and most conveniently-located site for the established Armory and its work-shops became the fixed idea of General George Washington, as soon as he received his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Army. Careful investigation by the new Secretary of War and chief of the Revolutionary Artillery, General Henry Knox, gave full approval to Washington's momentous decision after the strong claims of both Brookfield and Hartford had been duly examined. "Proceed with the establishment of the Laboratory at Springfield" were the orders of Washington to Knox in February, 1777, "And I will at once inform Congress of this Necessity."

The Commander made emphatic his entire approval of the judgment of Knox in the lengthy official letter to Congress. In this letter was written, "Besides the many advantages cited by Gen. Knox, Springfield stands on the Connecticut River, on navigation, and is much more secure against an Enemy." Eight months after this, orders ceased to come to Brookfield for small arms; and the orders for Springfield included, among other details, extension of magazine facilities "sufficient to make and store 10,000 stand of arms, 200 tons of gunpowder, and sufficient adjacent Laboratory." So, in an era of "rush orders" at the beginning of the Revolution, the Springfield Arsenal establishment began to function; and early boasted that the output, among other interesting details, included 7584 cartridges in a single week. The Springfield Arsenal plant was the joint result of the genius of Washington and Knox. The latter, in the Bowdoin correspondence, vigorously set forth that "when the buildings for this shall be erected in a complete manner, the 'plain' just above Springfield" (where Col. Joseph Wait, narrowly escaped death in a snow-storm fourteen years earlier,) "will be the most proper spot in all America on every account."

The official establishment of the Springfield Armory by Congress was in April, 1794, beginning with a force of about forty hands. Under Superintendent David Ames, Sr., and Master-armorer Robert Orr, 250 muskets were turned out that first official year. From a start of operations involving less than a thousand dollars, the munitions plant grew in importance in Civil War times to require disbursements of more than \$200,000 a month, and to require the employment of as high as 3400 hands.

At the time of the brief domestic disturbance known as the "Shays' Rebellion", the limited stores of powder and weapons were kept in two long barracks-like buildings near the brow of Armory Hill; and there was then but one private dwelling house on the site of the present so-called "middle arsenal." The old larger powder-magazine was in the woods at "Magazine Street." "Armory Square" was Springfield's public training field, and was devoid of gun-shops. Previous to 1809 there had been at the present "Water shops", a small powder mill which was later blown up. As occasion began to require, buildings were added which necessitated water power.

Early began the serious enterprise of planning, manufacturing, and improving the best possible guns and ammunition made in the world. There have been at least thirty different models of muskets made here. The famous "Queens' Arms", "Kings' Arms", and other makes appeared for short periods. Now and then scattering attention was paid by the armorers to the so-called "toy percussion" models of the French type. The first American model guns with flint locks were made here in 1822, and this grade of weapon was constantly perfected in the decade that followed. Improved model guns were brought out at the time of the Mexican war in the forties; and the 1855 model, or "Maynard primer" pattern, used in the frontier engagements by the regular army in Indian war-fare, still further sent advanced the fame of Springfield. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the country was in sad need of substantial, uniform-pattern arms. Inventive genius was again put to the task of devising better equipment; and soldiers in the field seized eagerly the improved 1862 model guns, then and for some time hailed as the most effective made. Another high water mark of improved production was reached when the Krag

Jorgensen breech-loader model was being perfected and made the object of untiring and intensive experimentation.

The history of the Springfield Armory has been that of a progressive series of triumphs, not only in the matter of manufacturing arms, but in the inventing of epoch-making machinery for the purpose. A certain master-mechanic for Superintendent Col. Thomas W. Ripley who was one of Springfield's most noted military men in this section of the country during his incumbency as Armory head—did more than any other one man to make famous the operations of the Springfield Armory. This man, Thomas Blanchard, worked for years devising lathes which would turn and shape irregular forms in gun-stocks; and his ingenious "stocking machine" perfected and improved after 1820 was completely evolved when Col. Ripley's advent brought the necessary encouragement. Later perfections made the Blanchard lathe one of the world's epochal devices. His rather crude machines contained for the first time the golden principle which has later proved of so much time and labor saving value. The two outstanding names connected with our Armory's history are of two men who wrought more efficiency for the lasting good of the community at large and the armory itself than all the rest of the first 20 Commandants. Both were Colonels, and both favored in every way the cause of the gifted Thomas Blanchard, whose struggles were at first severe;—Col. Roswell Lee, sixth superintendent for the 18 years following 1815, at the time when Blanchard needed earliest encouragement. Col. Lee was first master of Hampden Masonic Lodge and the founder of Christ Church Cathedral. The other philanthropist was the ninth Commandant, Lt. Col. J. W. Ripley, who during all his 13 intensely active years, beginning 1841, took keenest satisfaction in the years when Blanchard's great invention was coming to its inevitable fruition.



Towns and cities that were once a part of the old Springfield Plantation.

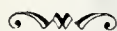
Westfield organized	1689
Enfield organized	1752
Wilbraham organized	1763
West Springfield organized	1774
Longmeadow organized	1783
Holyoke organized	1850
Hampden organized	1878
Somers, Conn. organized about	1749
Suffield, Conn. organized about	1752
Southwick organized	1770
Ludlow organized	1774
Chicopee organized	1848
Agawam organized	1855

Know all men that I Thomas Miller with
 consent of Henry Woodcock of Windsor
 to body & rare & much more & agree that
 our out of England into New England &
 by ourself as an apprentice before eight
 years to serve William Woodcock of Springfield
 and to his heirs & assigns in all manner
 of lawful employment with & full use
 of eight years beginning by 29 day of
 Sept 1640 & to said William & his heirs
 to pay said Thomas what drink & other
 fitting for his service & also to
 give our new suit of apparell & such
 things as may be required 40 20 other
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 my mark of
 Thomas Miller
 witness
 Henry Woodcock
 Elizabeth Holman
 John Pinchon
 John Dibell
 Tho Miller by his own
 consent is released & dis-
 charged of Mr Lynchons
 service this 22 of May 1648
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Reserved exclusively for this book is the accompanying example of the work-a-day hand-
 writing of William Pynchon, Founder of Springfield. It has never before been published
 and is taken from the only copy in existence of William Pynchon's Little Book.

*How the
Everyday Handwriting of Willian Pynchon,
the Founder of Springfield, Looked*

BY ERNEST NEWTON BAGG



Reserved exclusively for this Springfield Souvenir is the accompanying example of the work-a-day handwriting of WILLIAM PYNCHON. It was never before published anywhere, and is taken from the only copy in existence of "Mr. Pynchon's Litle Book" referred to in various deeds and other memoranda made by both Pynchons and by that very legible writer, Elizur Holyoke. Enough of the fragmentary pages of "the Litle Book" have been preserved to throw a great deal of hitherto unobtainable light upon the landing and storage-place selected for the Pynchon goods on the first arrival of the two cargoes from England. Frequent allusion is made here to the name given by the Pynchons to "Warehouse Point, which name it has retained for over three hundred years.

Paper then was of course at a premium, and the space used on it was carefully conserved. The handwriting of the Leader is that appearing at the head of the preceding pages and whatever witnesses and other names essential to the different transactions involved were for convenience, filled in. The page before the signed page here shown gives the elder Pynchon's own notes of "the tunnage of the Blessing", and data about the contents of the accompanying draft, "the Bachelor." Plainly are named such commodities as the "Nayles", "Pistill bullet", "trundle Beds" "carte Wheels" "cart-pole and harnis" and other articles of "my Owne goods", or "Readers' goods" in the "tunnage of the Blessing", from the Rivers' mouth to the Warehouse", with various amounts of the weights and their values. The specific items of agreement in the dealings with "Henry Wolcott of Windsor, unto whose custody & under whose charge I (meaning Millard) was brought out of England"; the scrawled "marke" (in lieu of his signature of the lad Thomas Millard himself, who could not write,) and the date, September 29, 1640, of the beginning of the young mans' 8-year service to Mr. Pynchon, are all shown in this fragment from "my litle book". Millard's final release, (this recorded by John Pynchon in the note at the bottom,) shows where Millard left in "May, 1648, being 4 months before his Tyme comes out, in consideration whereof he Looseth 40 s. in mony which wch sh have bin pd him, but Mr. Pynchon giveth him one New sute of aparell." It would be interesting to learn what became of Thomas and how long his "sute" lasted. . .

The leaves of this famous "litle book" of William Pynchon, carefully compared with original documents now filed in the Massachusetts Archives at Boston, have been authenticated by Harry Andrews Wright and other historical experts. Further "unexplored" Pynchon historical material will undoubtedly be gained in the ultimate later accounts of the Anniversary celebration.

The Pioneers had a Brave and Stalwart Following

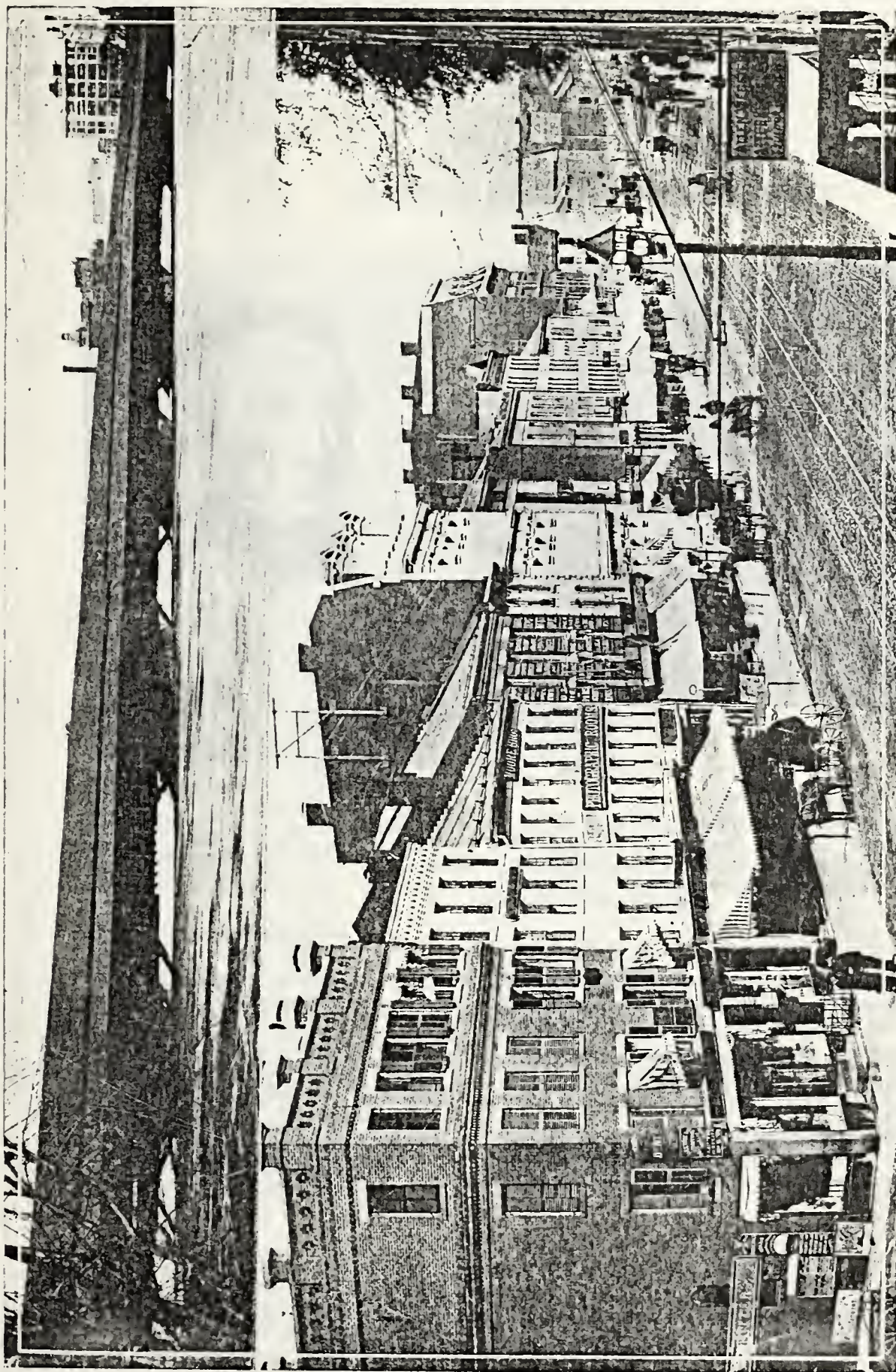
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MILES MORGAN STATUE IN COURT SQUARE

Shrewd and purposeful Pioneers were the discoverers, Pynchon and Cable, in selecting for the site of future Springfield the fertile valley of the famous "Greate River" near its confluence with the Agawam. They displayed not only courage but a profound sagacity in making choice of the best possible as well as safest and yet most accessible abiding-place for the settlers to immediately follow. And shortly after Pynchon's group, arrived the brave seeker after the New World's best fighting chances—alert and always armed Miles Morgan. See him standing, to this very day, stalwart and watchful sentinel of Springfield's City Hall, and all it implies. Skilled in defensive marksmanship, even though unable to make in Morgans' case, more than the crudest of marks with the pen! All, nevertheless, men of mark, indeed.

There were probably not over three hundred tribal Indians in this region when the original "Agawam" settlement, close to the mouth of Block Brook on the west side, was made. This earliest housing, was held but a single season, because of danger from floods. The first white men were immediately joined by ten others on a "street" practically corresponding with present-day Main Street between the railroad arch and State Street. May 16th, 1636, twelve settlers received allotments of the plantation lands. The region was all supposed to be in the same jurisdiction with Windsor, Hartford and Wethersfield, Connecticut Plantation. Up to 1641, when the name of the town was changed, to "Springfield" the settlement was "Agawam." The assessed cost of that brave little house in the lonely Agawam meadows,—the first house ever built by white settlers in Massachusetts was put at six pounds, defrayed out of the public charge, and approved by the Pynchons, John Cable and John Woodcock. Even then there was a public complaint about the taxes.

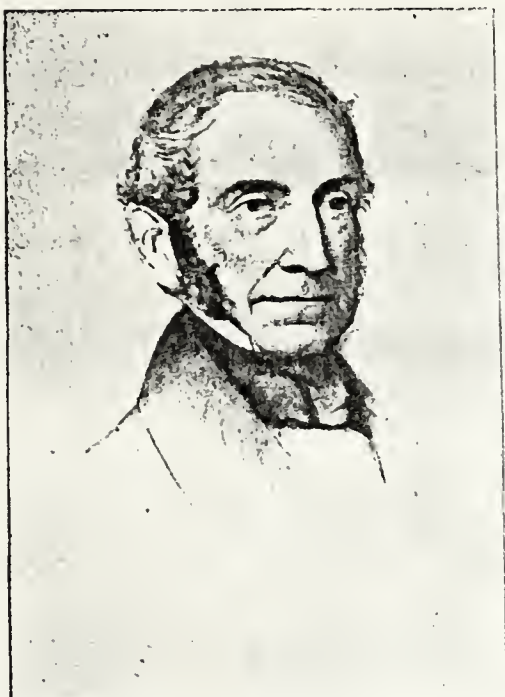


SPRINGFIELD OF THE PAST

Top: The Old Toll Bridge, erected in 1816, taken from the West Springfield side, extreme right shows the Myrick Building.

Bottom: The east side of Main Street from East Court Street.

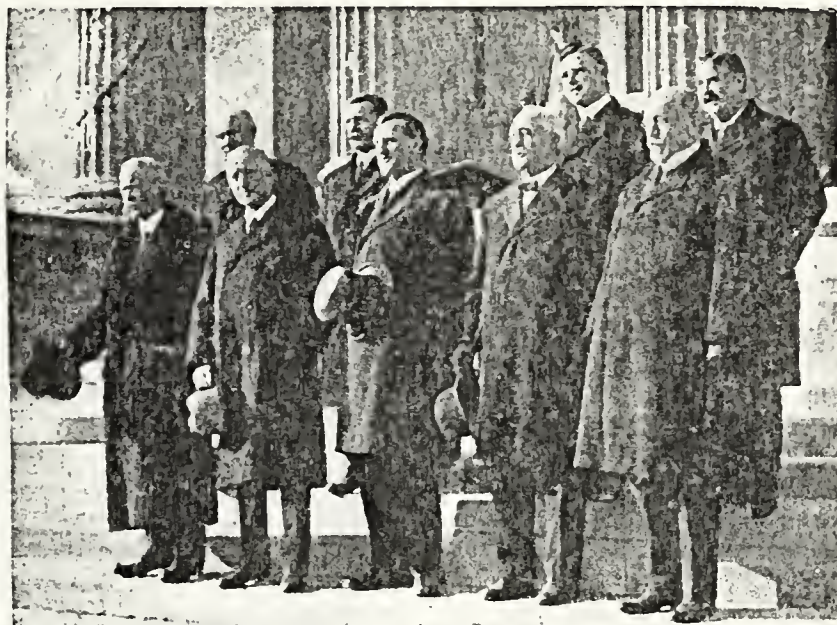
Ten Former Mayors of Springfield, Massachusetts



C. Rice

HON. CALEB RICE
1792-1873
Springfield's First Mayor,
1852-1853

Williams College, Class of 1814;—
Mass. Legislature, 1821 to 1830;—
Chairman of Hampden County's
First Board of Commissioners;—
Inspector Fourth Division Mass.
Volunteer Militia; High Sheriff of
Hampden, 1831 to 1851.



*An Unusual Group of Nine Former Mayors
of Springfield*

Left to Right: Edward H. LATHROP, 1910-1912; Francke W. DICKINSON, 1905-1906; Lewis J. POWERS, 1879-1880; William E. SANDERSON, 1907-1909; Judge John A. DENISON, 1913-1914; Dwight O. GILMORE, 1899; William P. HAYES, 1900-1901; Edmund P. KENDRICK, 1893-1894; Newrie D. WINTER, 1896.

Appropriate for the Tercentenary of Springfield is this group of nine former mayors of Springfield, taken during the incumbency of Judge Denison who stands in the center. A decided touch of Winter is given by the presence of the gentleman at the extreme right, the father of former Mayor Dwight R. Winter. The picture was taken in 1914, on the terrace in front of the Administration building, which makes it the more historically interesting. Each one made history for Springfield; and represent sixteen of the busy and important years of the city's prosperous growth.



CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

November 18, 1935.

"Springfield Old and New"
Springfield, Massachusetts.
Gentlemen:

It is indeed a pleasure and an honor to
serve as Mayor of the city of Springfield on the
occasion of the observance and celebration of the
City's Tercentenary Anniversary.

I extend greetings and best wishes to the
citizens and industries of Springfield and surround-
ing towns and cities.

Sincerely yours,

Henry Martens
Mayor.

HENRY MARTENS, MAYOR OF SPRINGFIELD

Mayor Henry Martens, was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1879, the son of Charles and Matilda Martens. The family came to this country when the son was only a year old, first settling in Westfield where the father was a cigarmaker.

The family later moved to West Springfield. After a grammar school education, which included attendance at the old Elm Street School in this city, Mr. Martens learned the cigarmaker's trade at the C. C. Margerum & Co. factory in this city. He was employed for many years in the Whitcomb cigar factory.

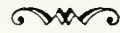
For six years, later on, he was associated with his brother in law, E. A. Byron, in the undertaking business. He has more recently engaged in the florist business.

He was married 29 years ago to Miss Eva Byron and they have two children, Miss Rhea Martens, widely known as a dancer and Carl Martens.

He began his public career in 1912 when he was elected to the Common Council as a Republican from Ward 6. He was returned in 1913 and 1914 and was elected to the Aldermen in 1915, serving through 1917. He then dropped out of politics for a decade but was elected as alderman again in 1928. He has served continuously since and in 1930 was president of the board.

Program

*of the Celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Settlement
of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, organized a Town,
May 14, 1636, a City, May 25, 1852.*



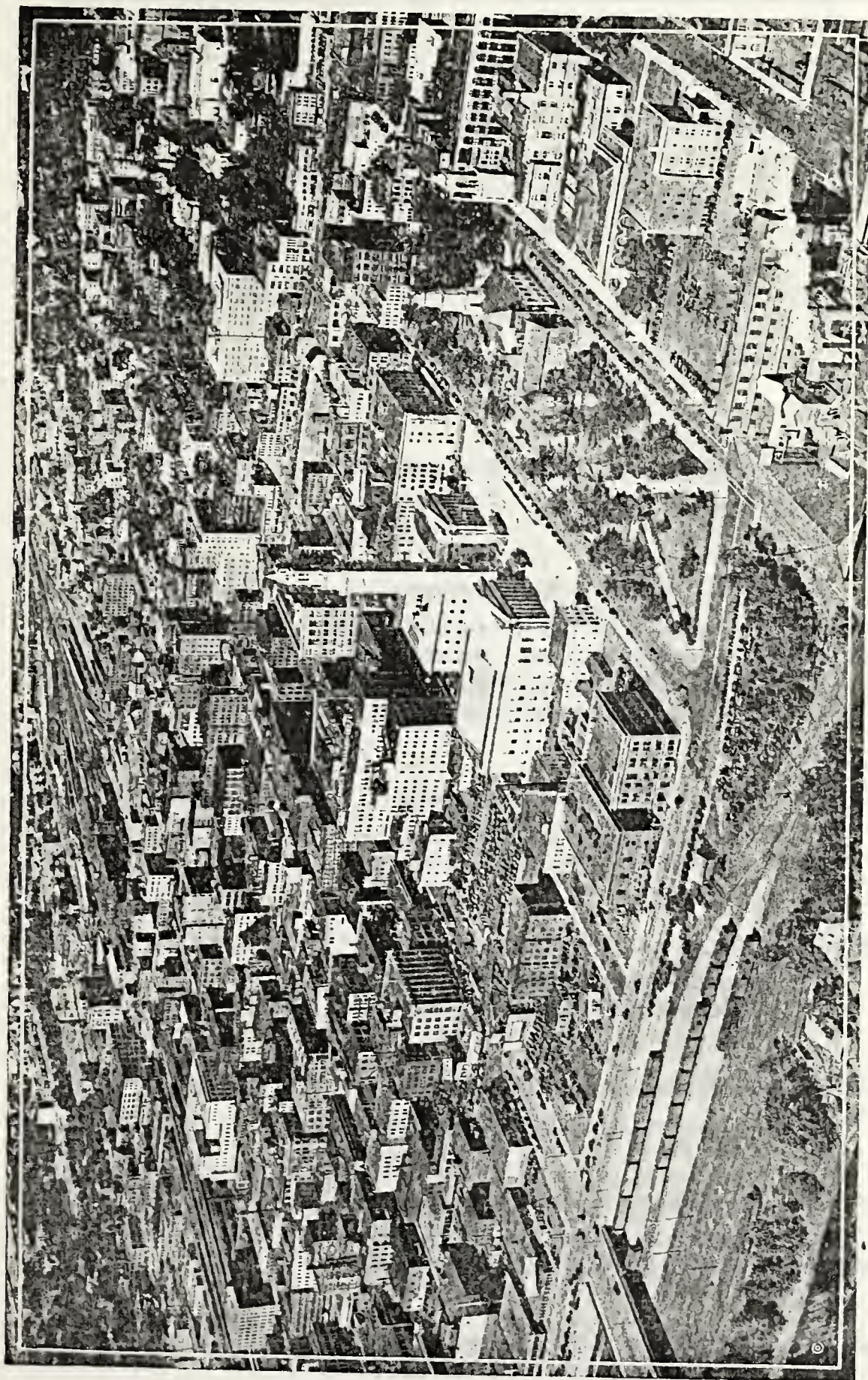
To inaugurate the
FOURTH CENTURY
of
SPRINGFIELD'S PROGRESS

the following official activities have been scheduled for 1936

May 13.....	<i>Pre-Celebration Dinner</i>
May 14.....	<i>Anniversary Exercises, Municipal Auditorium</i>
May 15.....	<i>School Day</i>
May 16.....	<i>Old Home Day</i>
May 17.....	<i>Church Day</i>
May 18.....	<i>Medical Day</i>
May 19, 20, 21.....	<i>300th Anniversary Pageant</i>
May 28.....	<i>Dedication—Johnny Appleseed Memorial at Stebbins Park</i>

Other activities to be announced later afford
a series of interesting events climaxing—

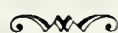
September 20-26.....*20th Anniversary Eastern States Exposition*



THE HEART OF SPRINGFIELD

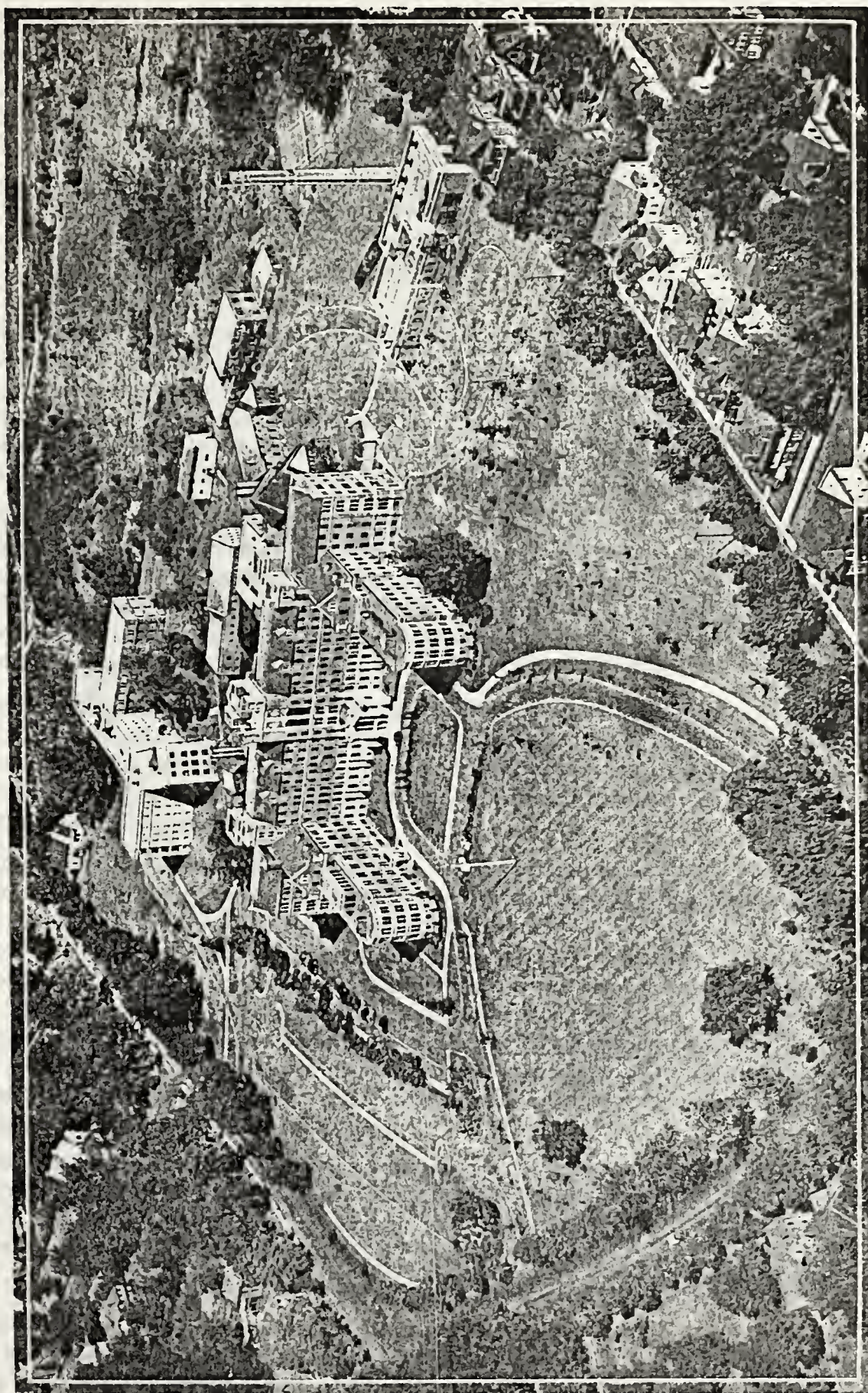
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*Conventions
planned to be held in Springfield during the
300th Anniversary Celebration*



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| May 13 | NEW ENGLAND CREDIT BUREAUS
Local: George B. Allan, 276 Bridge St.
Hotel Headquarters: Kimball |
| May 28-29-30 | SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MAGICIANS, NATIONAL
Local: Dr. I. R. Calkins, 299 Central St. |
| June 4-5-6 | DEMOCRATIC STATE PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION
Chairman: Joseph McGrath, Hotel Bellevue, Boston
Treasurer: Miss Sadie Mulrone, 1215 Main St., City
Meetings: Municipal Auditorium
Hotel Headquarters: Kimball |
| June 8-9-10 | MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY
Local: Dr. Allen G. Rice, 33 School St.
Meetings and Exhibit: Municipal Auditorium |
| June 12-13-14 | UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, MASS. ENCAMPMENT
Local: T. F. Sullivan, 403 Orange St.
Meetings: State Armory, Howard St. |
| June 12-13-14 | UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS, <i>Ladies Auxiliary</i>
Meetings: Municipal Auditorium |
| June 12-13-14 | SONS OF VETERANS, UNITED SPANISH WAR VETERANS
Local: T. F. Sullivan, 403 Orange St.
Meetings: Mahogany Room, Municipal Auditorium |
| June 12-13-14 | MILITARY ORDER OF THE SERPENT, UNITED SPANISH WAR
VETERANS, MASS. ENCAMPMENT
Local: T. F. Sullivan, 403 Orange St. |

- June 18-19-20 REPUBLICAN STATE PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTION
Exec. Sec.: Charles Nichols, 11 Beacon St., Boston
Chairman: Frank B. Hall, 27 May St., Worcester
Committee: George A. Bacon, Esquire, 31 Elm St., City
 Richard S. Bellows, Esquire, 1387 Main St., City
 Mrs. Hazel Oliver, 85 Westford Ave., City
Meetings: Municipal Auditorium
Hotel Headquarters: Kimball
- June 21 MASSACHUSETTS DEPT. RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
President: Colonel Howard E. Emerson
 12 Pearl St., Boston, Mass.
Hotel Headquarters: Kimball
- June 22-23-24 RESERVE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE U. S.
Local: Dr. C. F. Pooler, 146 Chestnut St.
Hotel Headquarters: Kimball
- June 25-26-27 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, MASS. DEPARTMENT
Secretary: Miss Anna M. Maleady
 159 State House, Boston, Mass.
Meetings: Municipal Auditorium
Hotel Headquarters: Kimball
- August 19-20-21-22 AMERICAN LEGION, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT (*Delegates*)
Local: Colonel B. A. Franklin, Chairman
 95 State St.
Meetings: Municipal Auditorium
- August 19-20-21-22 AMERICAN LEGION, MASSACHUSETTS DEPT. (*Others*)
- August 27-28 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONVENTION BUREAUS
Secretary: Joseph S. Turner, Convention Bureau,
 Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce,
 Cincinnati, Ohio
- Sept. 8-9-10 MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Secretary: Daniel J. Looney
 1137 Old South Building, Boston, Mass.
Meetings: Municipal Auditorium
- Sept. 12-13 CANADIAN LEGION, BRITISH EMPIRE SERVICE LEAGUE
Local: E. B. Greenwood, 120 Hillside Ave.
 West Springfield, Mass.
- Sept. 18-19-20 CREDIT UNION LEAGUE OF MASSACHUSETTS
Local: W. D. Fessenden
 United Electric Light Co., 73 State St.

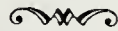


THE SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL
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*Eastern States Exposition
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SEPTEMBER 20 TO 26 INCLUSIVE

Its program will be last week of Springfield Tercentenary



Few contributions of greater importance have been made to Springfield's civic life than the establishment of the Eastern States Exposition, an agricultural and industrial exhibition devoted to the interests of the North Atlantic States. Here, annually, the third week in September, are brought together the leading livestock herds of the United States and Canada, famous show horse stables, state exhibits, examples of boys' and girls' work, displays of every type of industrial and commercial activity, products of home, field, farm and orchard, and the finest features of the entertainment world.

The annual fall exhibitions were begun in 1916, when the plant was dedicated with the National Dairy Show, and with the exception of 1918, when land and buildings were used by the Government for war purposes, have been continued since with increasing success. The Exposition attracts an attendance of 300,000 yearly—a discriminating audience drawn from every section of the country. This year, from September 20 to 26 inclusive, the Exposition in observing its twentieth anniversary, closes the Springfield Tercentenary program.

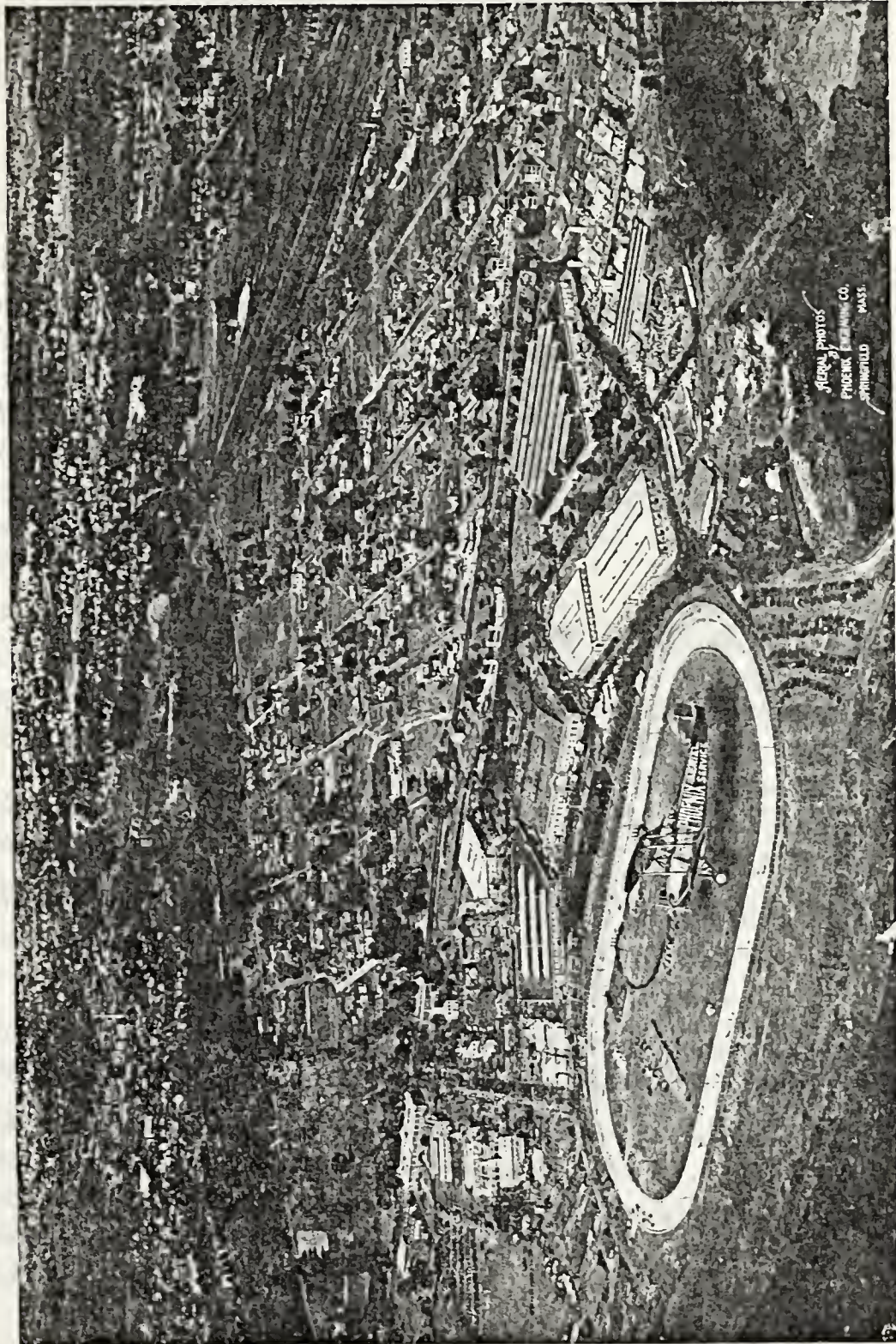
From its beginnings, the Exposition has been fortunate in its leadership and has adhered to a fixed policy of steady and substantial progress, rather than spectacular growth. Few changes have been made in officers or operating personnel. Joshua L. Brooks of Springfield has served continuously as president, and associated with him as trustees have been men who have carved their own high places in Springfield's community development.

All New England has taken a keen interest in this Exposition. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts have contributed materially by erecting permanent buildings on the Avenue of States in which to display their varied resources. Through the generosity of Mrs. James J. Storrow of Boston, Storowton, a village of thirteen colonial structures, removed from their original sites and re-erected on the Exposition grounds, perpetuates for all time the best of early New England architecture. Buildings for boys' and girls' work and activities of the Hampden County League have been provided by Horace A. Moses. In addition, the Exposition group comprises a Coliseum seating 5000 people, Industrial Arts Building with three acres of exhibition floor space, cattle and horse barns with stalling capacity for 1500 head, poultry building, numerous smaller exhibition structures and grandstand and bleachers with seating capacity of 7500, facing a half mile track.

Today, the Exposition plant covers 175 acres, consists of thirteen permanent brick, steel and concrete structures, thirty other buildings, and represents an investment of \$3,000,000. Area of improved buildings is 447,441 square feet, giving the Exposition approximately 10¼ acres of exhibition space in permanent structures.

The total attendance from 1916 to 1935 inclusive has reached 4,766,225.

Character of its officers and trustees, financial stability, interest of cooperating agencies, strategic location, and ideal facilities for both exhibitor and public, have made the Eastern States Exposition of increasing usefulness and influence with each passing year. By common consent it has come to be regarded as "America's Premier Exposition."



Aerial view of Eastern States Exposition Grounds and Site of First Settlement, Three Hundred Years Ago and Route
of both of Washington's Trips thru this section.



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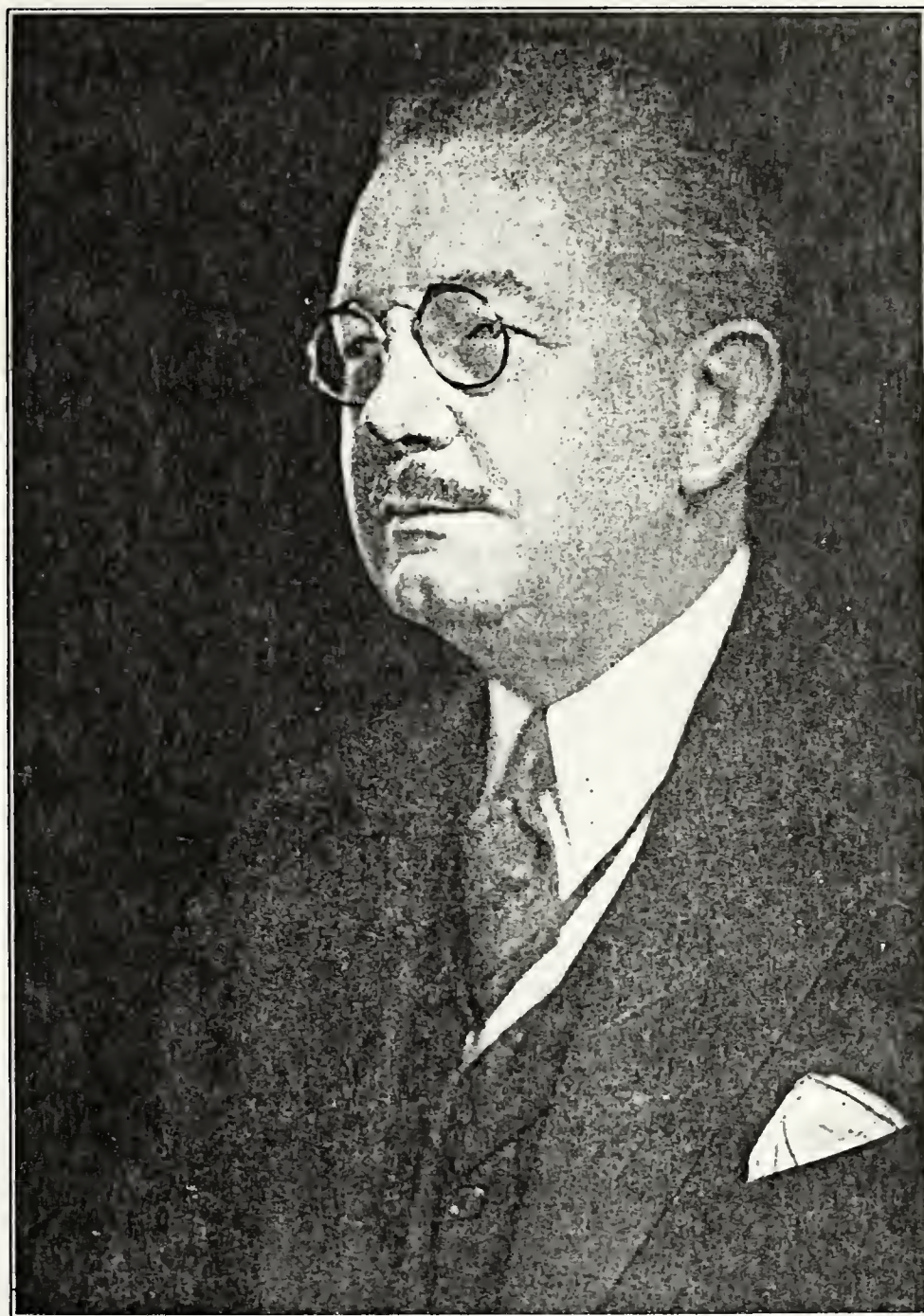
Busy, growing manufacturing industries, in great variety; merchandising establishments of metropolitan character successfully catering to a trading population of some 700,000; superior transportation facilities providing easy entrance and exit; strong financial institutions—commercial banks, savings banks, cooperative banks, the Federal Land Bank and Farm Credit Administration, insurance companies—the most important financial center save one in the Commonwealth; metropolis of Western New England, midway between Boston and New York,—in a word is the story of Springfield's business development in 300 years.

Tasteful homes; splendid hotels; famed public schools; superior private schools and colleges; active, prosperous churches; a magnificent public library with 6 branches, 442,000 volumes, annual circulation over 2,500,000; classic art museum, natural history museum, museum of fine arts, and the William Pynchon Memorial Building, housing inspiring art and historical collections—are merely suggestive of the life and culture of the community.

Ample parks; public golf links; other facilities for recreation on land and water; the great municipal auditorium; beautiful theatres; exclusive clubs—are indicative of recreational and social activities.

Rich in tradition, proud of its 300 years of history, jealous of its culture, Springfield combines New England dignity with the modern tempo.

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The Joseph Wait Masonic "Parting Stone" *Federal Square, Armory Hill*



Thousands entering Springfield from the direction of Boston, during the past 170 years have been attracted to examine New England's most unique and picturesque wayside monument. It is the oldest out-door Masonic highway road-sign in America, the "Joseph Wait Guide-stone", nearly opposite Walnut Street in State Street, marking an historic "parting of the ways" in 1763, where Wait, a visiting Brookfield traveler, nearly lost his life as well as his way in a blinding blizzard, missing the "Boston road" for that northward to Chicopee. Thankful for his escape, he caused that same year this elaborately-carved red-stone "parting stone" as it was generally called to be placed where he and his exhausted horse emerged back to safety and shelter. The stone is said to have been cut to Wait's order from the bed of the Connecticut River by a stone cutter and fellow-Mason, Nathaniel Brewer, and came from shallows near Pynchons' "Warehouse Point." At that time the rescued way-farer was but 32 years old, and had not yet acquired the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Continental Army. He had lately been married to Miss Martha Stone of Petersham and was recorded as Captain of "Rangers" attached to the command of General Israel Putnam. Not until a dozen years later did Wait become distinguished as the gallant officer killed in battle near Lake George at the very outset of the Revolutionary War. His body was buried with highest honors and was later marked by an imposing tombstone in a special cemetery which is often visited at one of the Wait farms at North Clarendon, Vermont.

The cut of the marker, made the subject of a special article in Frank Leslie's Illustrated weekly, in January, 1875, and as appear in numerous views made by the Milton Bradley Company, Springfield, in various books and periodicals since, (up to about 1893!), give the familiar capital "G" with its square and compass, in accustomed position in the center of the elaborate carving, at the head of the flight of symbolic steps between two pillars. During some of the recent outbreaks of opposition to masonry, these centered and important symbols were neatly and skilfully chiseled off and left bare. Later photographs do not show the Wait stone as it was originally inscribed; nor does the original bottom line which gave the number of miles to Boston appear in these modern prints. The mileage, or lowest line of inscription has been covered by earth in successive re-settings of the marker, though not many feet from its placement 173 years ago. A clean job was accomplished by the vandals! The symbol of the sun stands for "Meridian Sun" Masonic lodge, chartered in 1753, of which both Joseph Wait and his younger brother Benjamin, also as late as 1786 a major general in the northern army, were members. The famous Waite tavern on Fishers Hill, Brookfield, was kept by Col. Wait's father John, who with all his several sons were active soldiers in the Revolution. Joseph and some of his brothers were frequent visitors in Springfield. The oft-reported "bullet-holes" in this Wait stone, were simply the pit-marks appearing in brown stone finished off by stone-cutting and long exposure. The Wait monument was not in range of the three sanguinary "volleys" from howitzers under orders from Gen. William Shepard, defending the Armory stores, January 25, 1787 from attack by the 1200 insurgents under Daniel Shays. In the "rebellion" not a single musket shot was fired, and no other military action was ever seen or heard of on Armory Hill!

The famous Wait "Parting Stone" is being carefully preserved by the Masonic Fraternity of Massachusetts. a venerable relic admired by hosts of travellers.



THE WAIT GUIDE STONE AT FEDERAL AND STATE STREETS

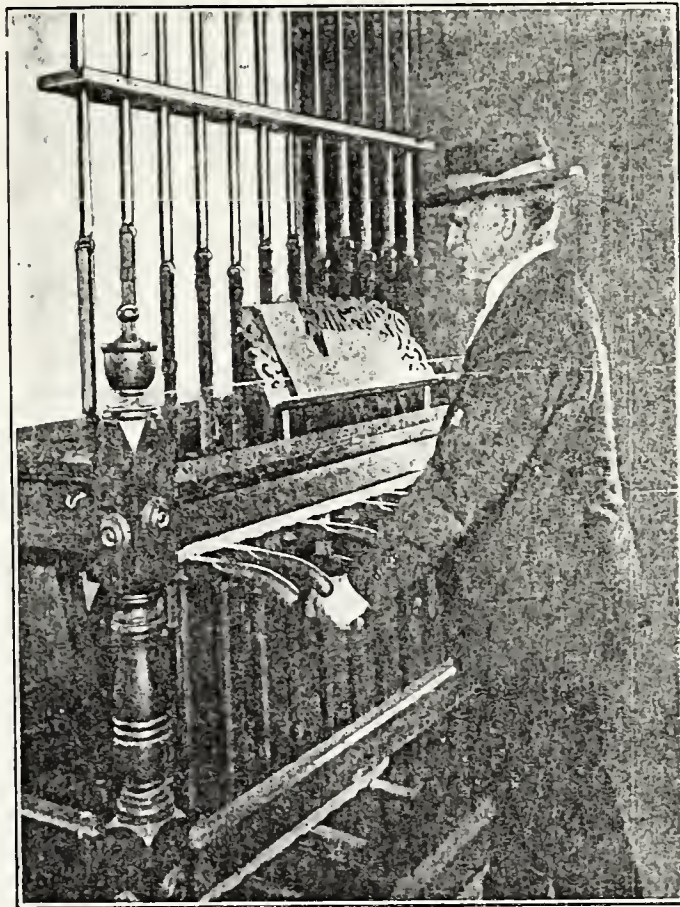
The Boston Mile Stone which is adorned with Masonic emblems and was erected by Joseph Wait.

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Tablet Commemorating Major John Pynchon Fort



The Bronze Descriptive Tablet which was placed on the Bowles Building by its former owners, the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Co., marking the site of the original William Pynchon Fortified House. Tablet mysteriously disappeared when building was renovated ten years ago.



ERNEST NEWTON BAGG

*Author of history in "Springfield Old and New"
Anniversary Book*

Ernest Newton Bagg was born in West Springfield, Mass., the son of James Newton Bagg and Mary Sears Bagg. Mr. Bagg studied music at the New England Conservatory of Music. He is a Music Critic and writes for many publications and newspapers throughout the country.

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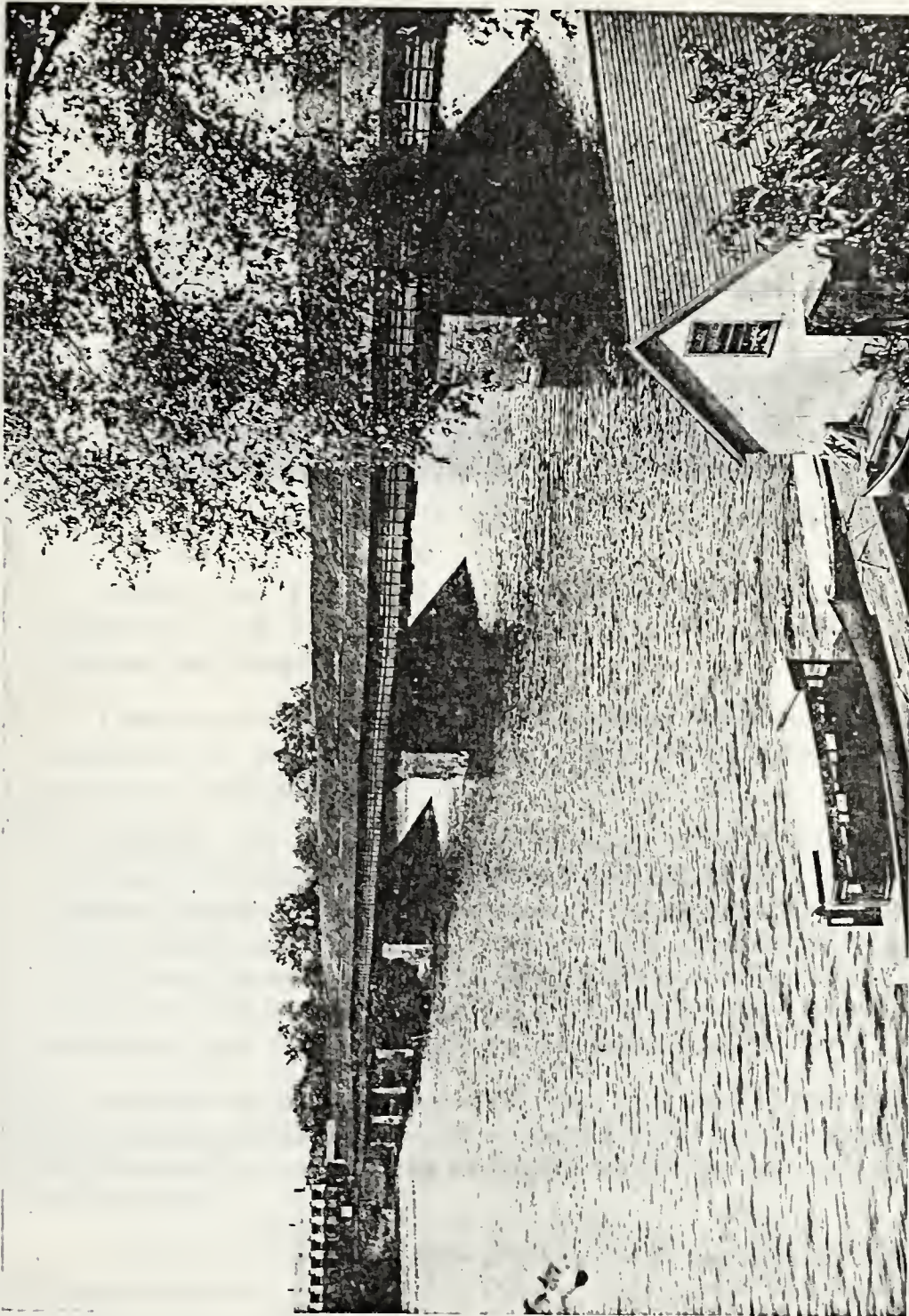
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Harry H. Lane, Treasurer of the Company, commenced his business life in 1897 as a salesman for the A. T. Fairbanks Confectionery Company, traveling in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Connecticut.

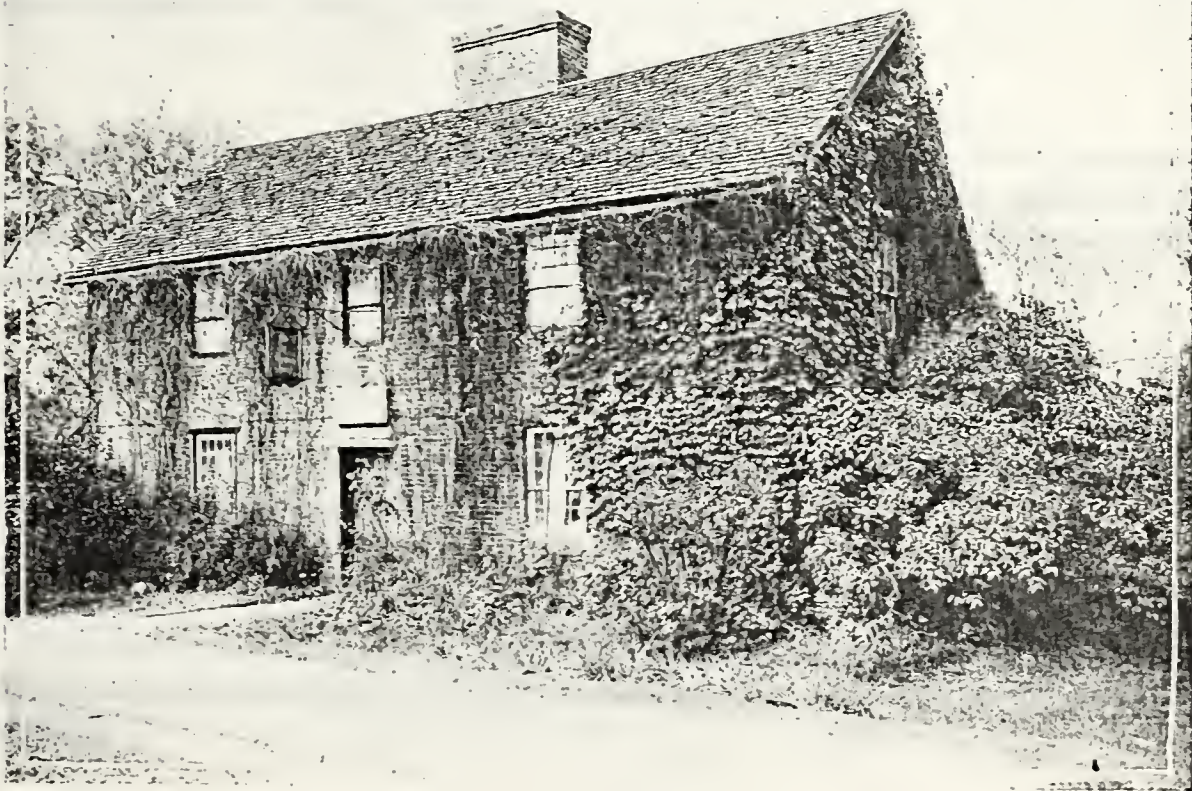
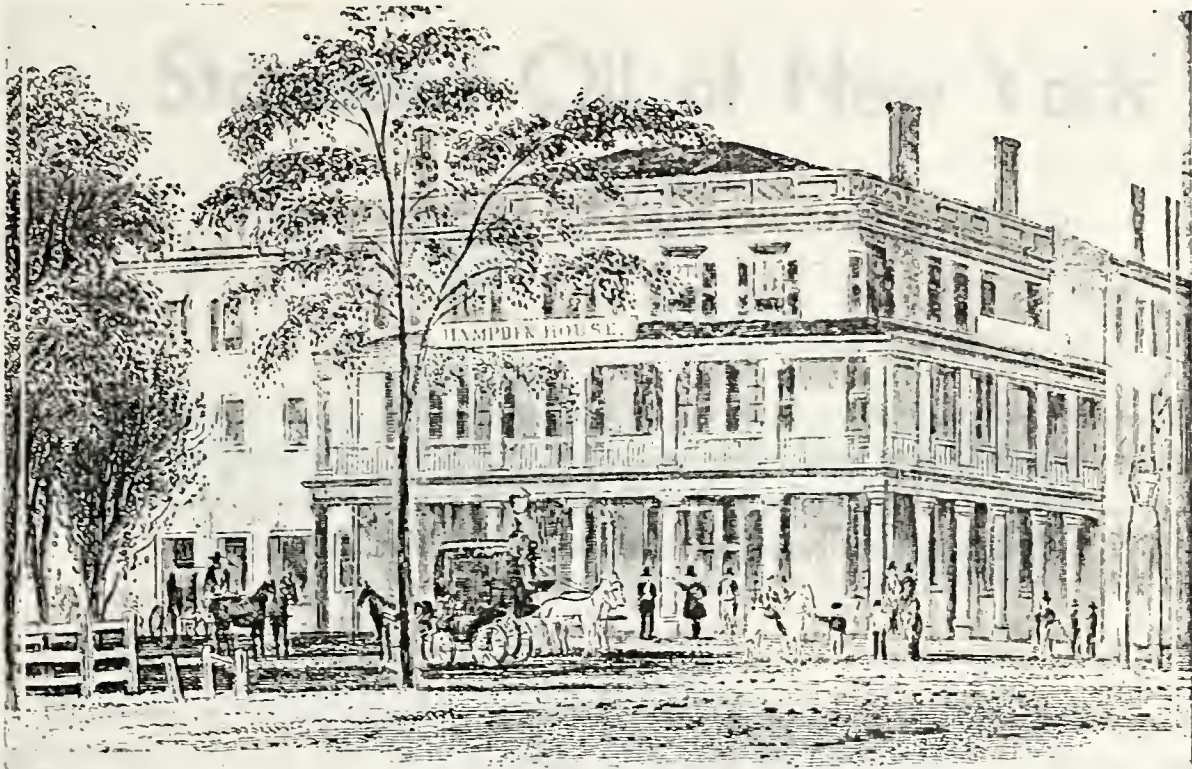
Thirty-seven years ago he started in the wholesale confectionery business for himself, on Lyman Street just above Chestnut Street, taking Edward S. Sheldon as a partner, under the name of Sheldon & Lane.

When Mr. F. C. Hatch, formerly of Perkins & Hatch, built a block on Lyman Street, they moved to this location, occupying the entire second floor. Several years later they combined with the Springfield Confectionery Company, and incorporated under the name of The Royal Candy Company, and occupied space in the block at the corner of Dwight and Hillman Streets, until they purchased a four-story block on Essex Street. Here they carried on a manufacturing business and employed about sixty persons, and remained in this location until the business and block were sold several years later.

Soon after this, Mr. Lane started in business again under his own name, and continued in this way until he incorporated the business in 1933. At this time he took his son, Donald R. Lane who had been traveling for him for the last four years, into the business as one of the officers.

The Company carries one of the largest and most complete lines of confectionery and fountain supplies of any company in Western Massachusetts. They have six salesmen who cover territory bounded approximately by Hartford, Connecticut on the south; Becket and Shelburne Falls on the west; Montpelier, Vermont in the north; and by Athol and Brookfield in the east.

Mr. Lane is one of the oldest jobbers in Massachusetts in point of service.



BUILDINGS OF DAYS GONE BY

Top: The Old Hampden House once located where the Stillman Department Store now stands on Main Street, near Court Square. Bottom: The Old Aaron Day House built in 1754, oldest standing residence in this section, located in West Springfield.

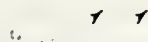
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This company has been operating in Springfield for the past forty-six years. Its first tank (80 barrel capacity) was erected in 1890 for the storage of kerosene oil used chiefly for lighting; and for many years the product was hauled to Springfield by railroad—first, in barrels and later in tank cars. Today, kerosene, gasoline and fuel oil are received thru 90 miles of pipe line from Providence, R. I., and the company dispenses petroleum products of all kinds.



Standard Oil Company and the Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, of which it is a part, have been leading factors in the petroleum business of the world for many years. The organization has its own producing fields and crude oil collecting systems and pipe lines in various sections, and its refineries are conveniently located in the United States and in foreign lands.



The vessels in which it transports crude oil and refined petroleum products constitute what is said to be the largest private navy in the world.

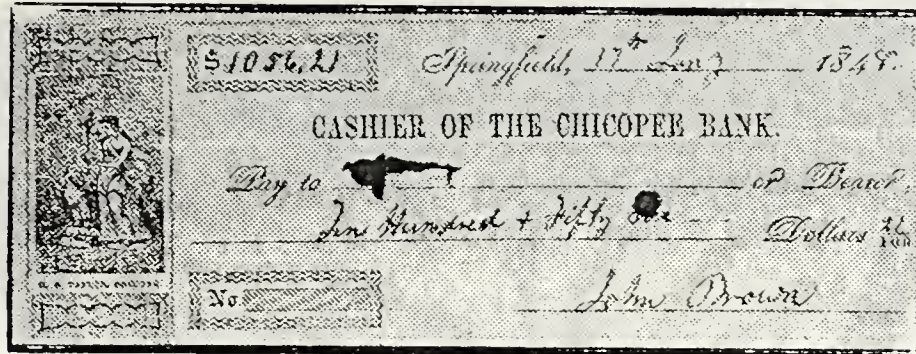


One important activity and one in which the organization takes great pride is the research work which the organization carries on with the purpose of meeting and anticipating the ever advancing needs of industry.



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John Brown, Wool Merchant, Abolitionist, Martyr



A never before used autograph of the world famous John Brown, great abolitionist, who lived in Springfield and labored in the cause of Anti-Slavery for years. The Brown papers, owned here, have yielded this most interesting relic.

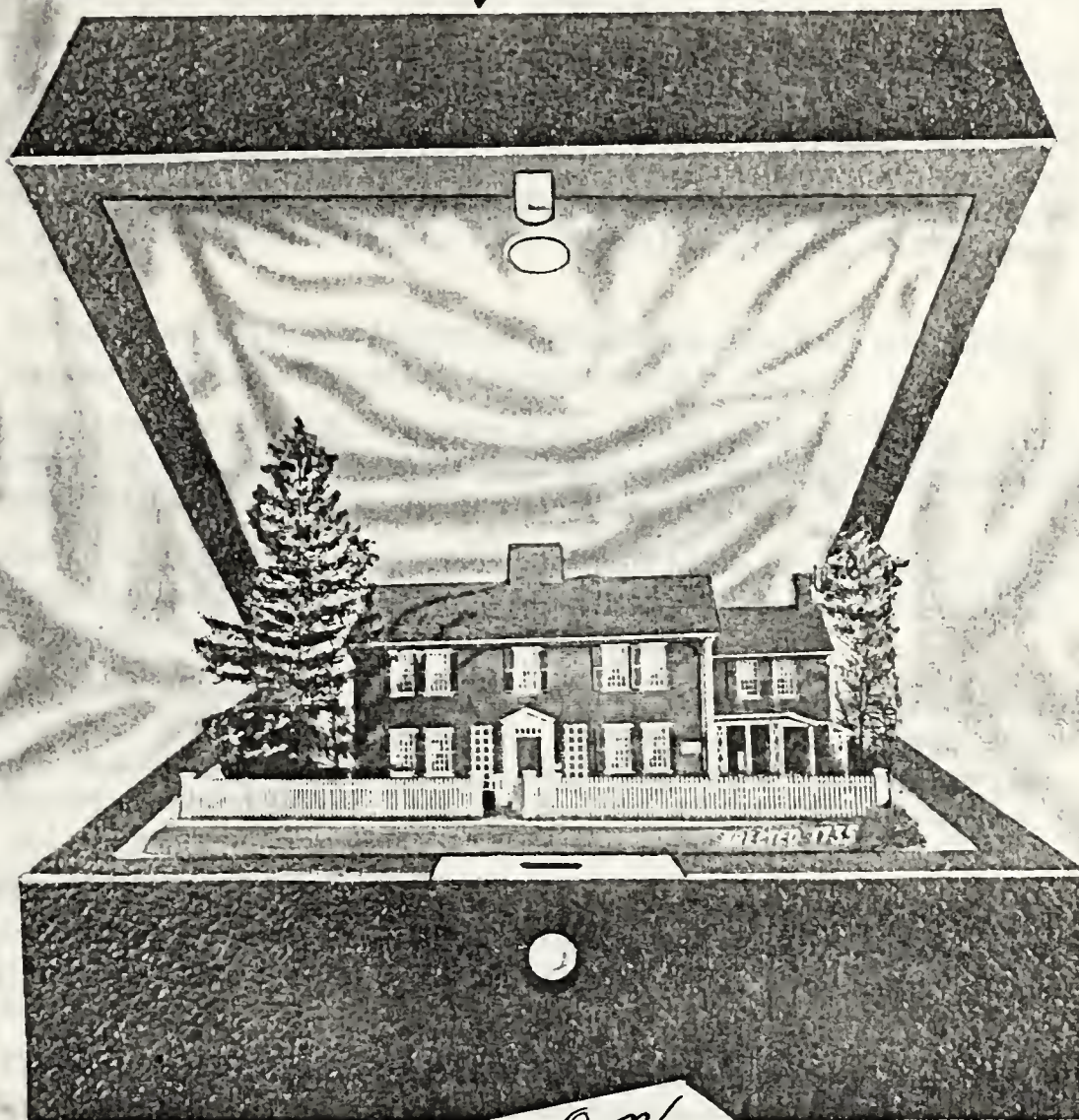
The most famous Springfield resident in the period of the Civil War was John Brown, the patriot-abolitionist, known at first only as a wool merchant with warehouse headquarters close to the railroad depot in the early forties. He lived with his family in the Franklin street "house with the white pillars" later pointed out to thousands as the home of a nationally famous hero, though other unpretentious houses in town because of his brief occupancy of them have become famous, too.

He was born in Torrington, Connecticut, in 1800, and arrived in Springfield in June, 1846, with two of his sons, John Junior and Jason, as eastern agents of Perkins and Brown, sheep-raisers, and dealers in wool from Ohio, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York. One of his employes, Thomas, a fugitive slave, was his active associate in the activities of Brown in the anti-slavery movement, the organization of secret opposition to the national curse of slavery, and establishment of truly marvelous "underground railroad" system of protection for escaping slaves en route for Canada. Many slaves were aided in getting to permanent safety and to employment. The wool-sorting, grading and preparing for marketing as it reached Springfield by rail from the western producers was done by the Browns in the old King building, on Railroad Row, west of where now is the Paramount Theater. Rapidly increasing business in its earliest years required the larger warehouse facilities of the Chester W. Chapin block where now is the eastern end of the present Main street railroad granite arch.

Brown's movements helping to free the slaves were decided factors in bringing on the Rebellion. His plans involved arming the slaves with pikes, that complete emancipation might be established; and he became a conspicuous leader in stirring the Country to Civil War. He went to Kansas to engage in the struggle to make that new state a "free" one, where one of the sons, who had been a Springfield resident, was killed. He then became a more violent opponent of slavery. He and his followers finally seized the arsenal at Harpers' Ferry, where he was hanged for treason by the State of Virginia.

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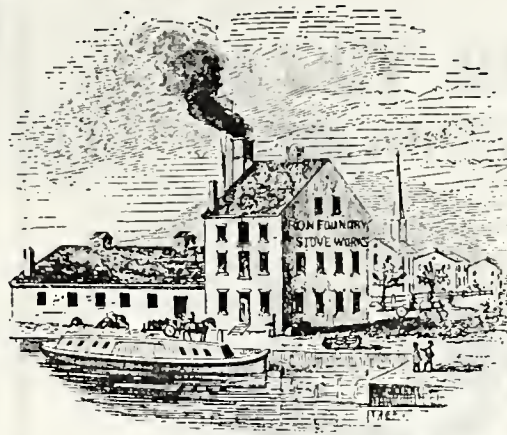
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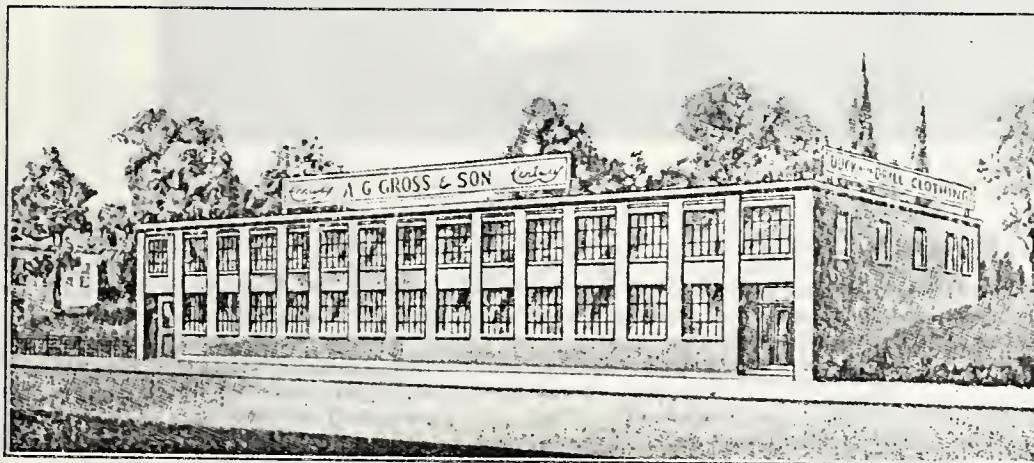
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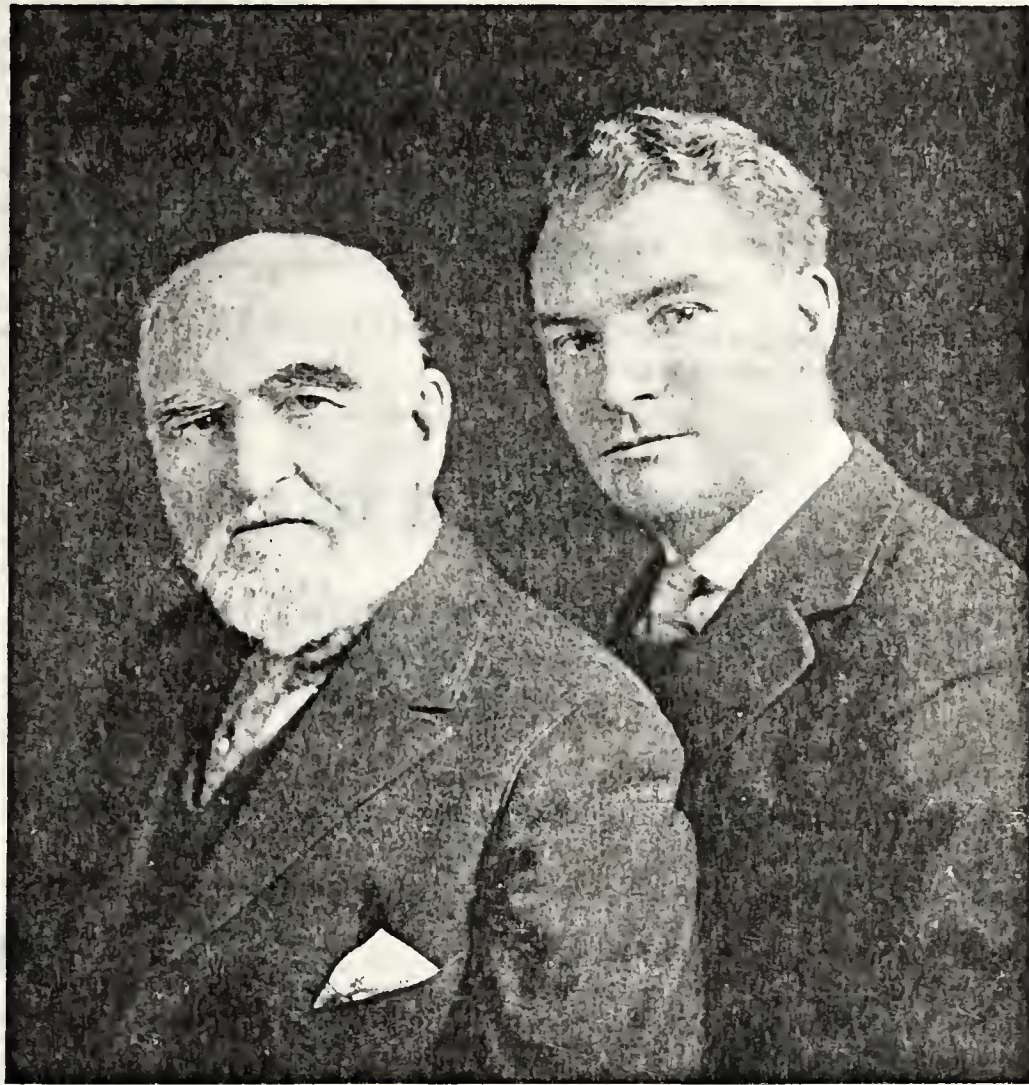


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Mr. Cross was fourteen years of age when he secured his first employment, and from that time, until 1890 he was engaged in a varied assortment of business ventures. In May, 1864, he enlisted in the Union Army and served his enlistment term at Arlington Heights, Virginia.

In the year 1890, Mr. Cross founded the Century Manufacturing Company, of Springfield, with which his name was so long connected. From an eight-machine plant, it grew to large proportions under his management. He took as a partner Oliver U. Church, of Middlefield, with whom he was associated until Mr. Church's death. Located at first in Harrison Avenue, after Mr. Church's death, twenty years later, the plant moved to the Potter Knitting Company Building in Mill Street, remaining there for a decade; then the organization, now known as A. G. Cross and Son, went into a fine new building in Main Street, bounded by Long Hill and Leete Streets, equipped with every modern convenience. The firm name was adopted when the plant came to be owned solely by father and son, the son being Frederick Bowen Cross. Mr. Cross remained active in the business until a few days before his death, and was also interested in real estate here, as well as in many important civic movements. He had a fine relationship with his employees, his working force having been one of the most loyal in the city, as he himself said. His consideration and kindness for them were met with a similar response; and labor troubles at the Cross plant were unknown.

Amos G. Cross married, on August 3, 1871, Lida A. Ford, of Ashfield, Massachusetts. They had one son, Frederick Bowen.

Mr. Cross died in Springfield on June 11, 1932, in his eighty-seventh year. Though he had relinquished some of the activities of earlier years, he lost none of the alertness of intellect and soundness of judgment that ever distinguished him. He was active in the company until the end, and able to continue his work as he wished. His death was a loss to the city that loved him so well; for he was a man whose accomplishments and honored name were a heritage most worthy, and to be treasured as such by his fellow-citizens.

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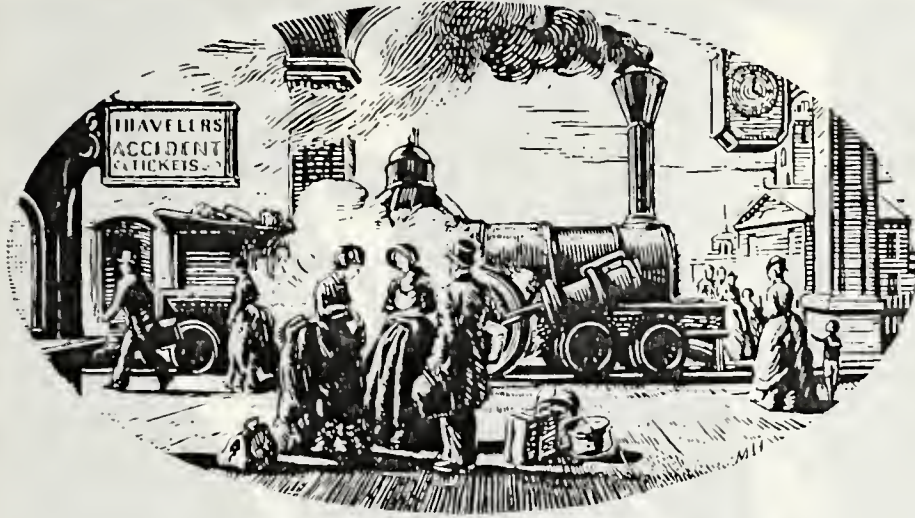
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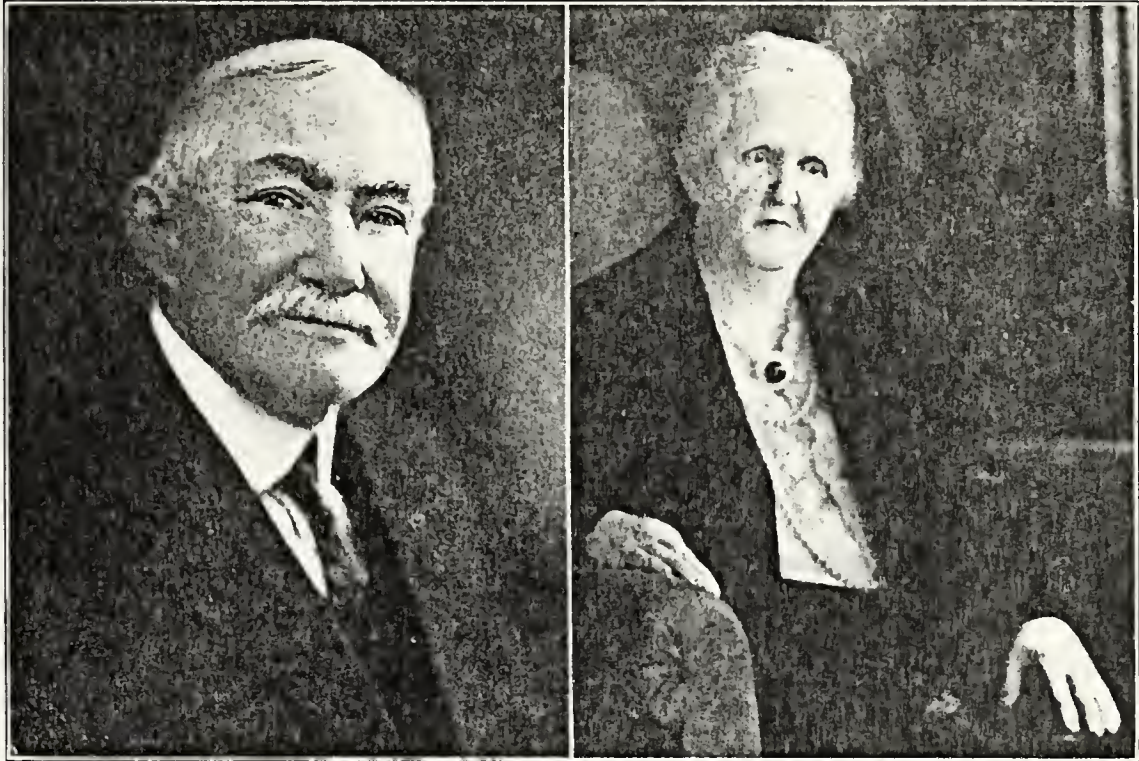
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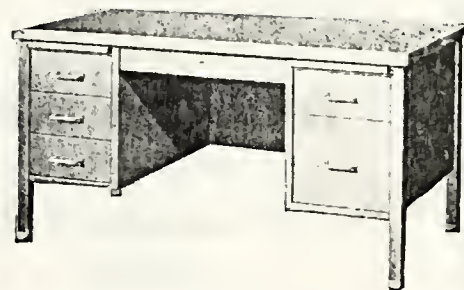
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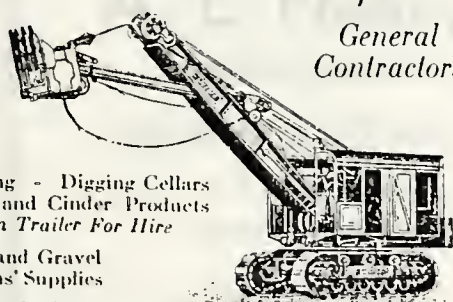
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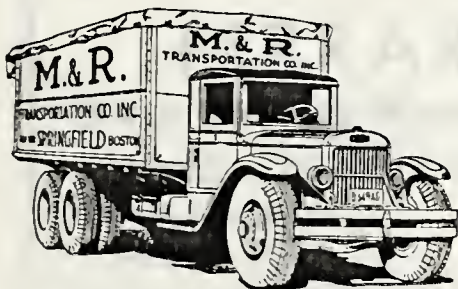
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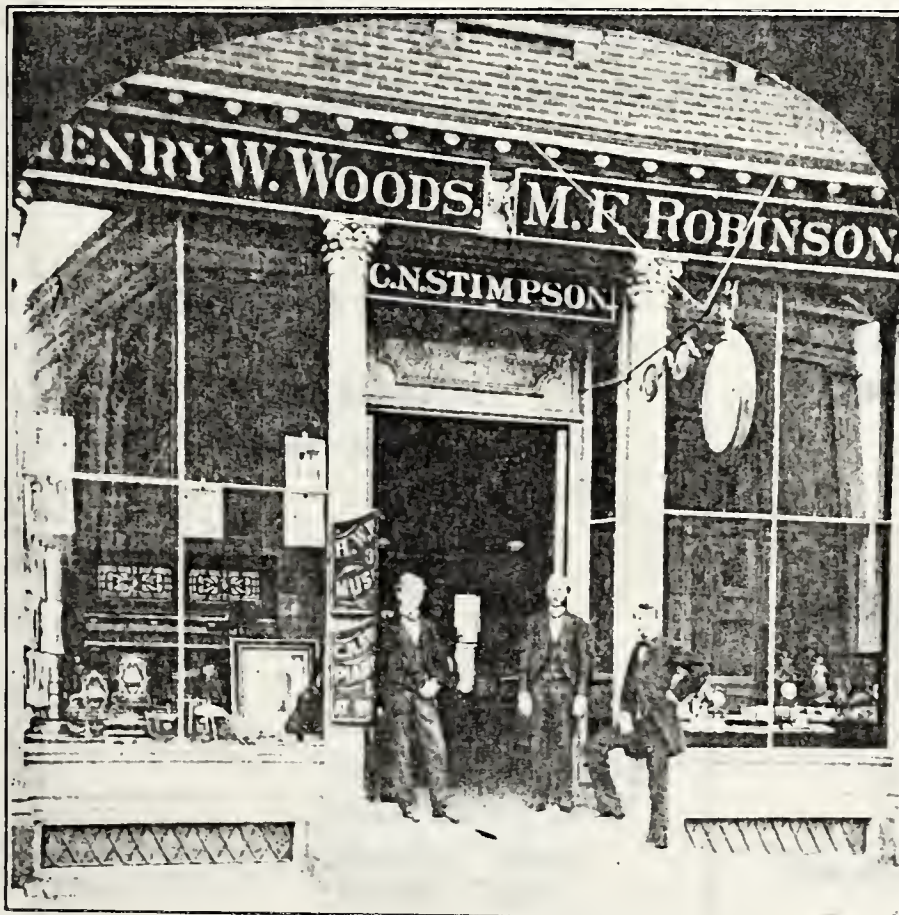
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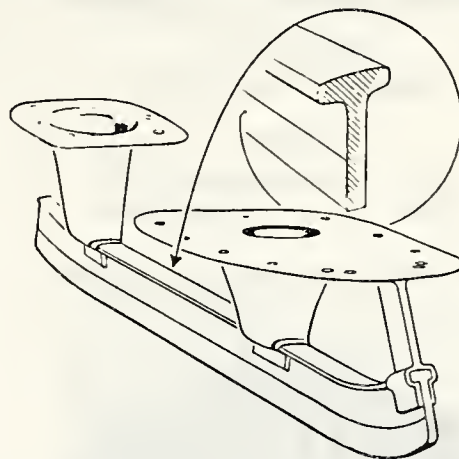
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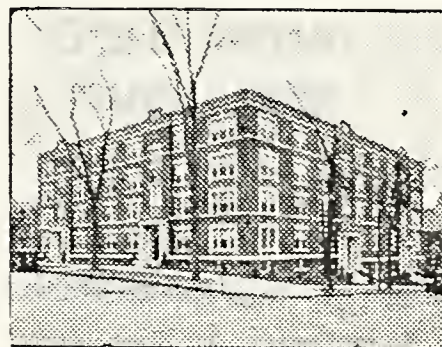
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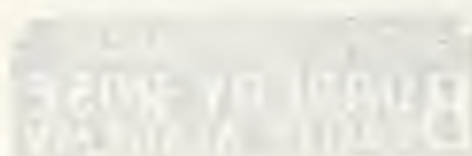
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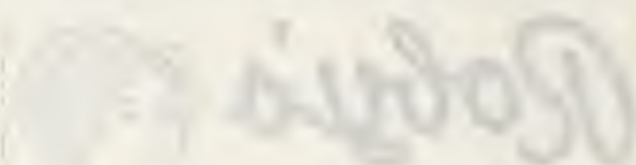
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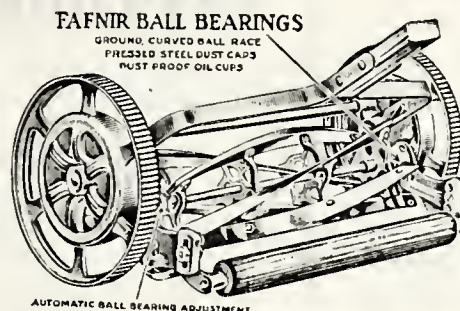
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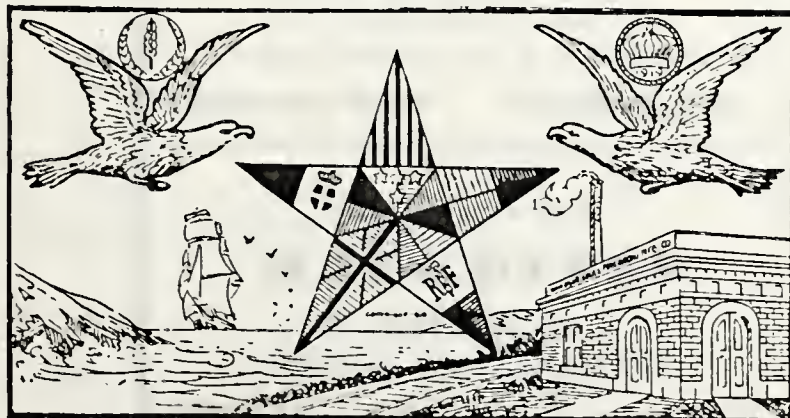
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O God of our fathers! Their guide and their shield,
Who marked out their pathway through forest and field,
We stand where they stood and with anthems of praise
Acknowledge Thy goodness, O Ancient of Days!

Thou ledest Thy people of old like a flock;
They trusted in Thee as their sheltering rock;
The centuries pass—thou art ever the same,
And children of children still trust in thy name.

'Twas here in the wilderness, silent, untamed,
The gospel of freedom and grace they proclaimed—
The gospel of homes, of the school and the plow—
And this City of Homes is their monument now.

O God of our fathers! By river and wood
Where Pynchon and Holyoke and Chapin abode
Our heritage blossoms with glory and praise,
To Thee our Defender, O Ancient of Days!



SPRINGFIELD OF THE PAST

Top: Railroad Row, looking eastward across Main St., The Old "Western Railroad" Office Building, taken in 1872. Print loaned by G. W. Ferguson of Downing Taylor Co.
Bottom: A view of Hampden Park when bicycling was the rage. The Park was officially opened in October, 1857.

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SPRINGFIELD IN THE "EIGHTIES"

Top: Elm Street, site of Court Square Theatre. Bottom: Court Square in 1888 showing Smith and Murray's Store at right.

The "Ancient of Days!"

Particular attention must be drawn to the oldest, still-standing dwelling-house in Western Massachusetts, the only house which dates practically back into the Pynchon times. This is the picturesque, historic "Josiah Day House", in West Springfield "Common", west bank of the Connecticut River, at the North End Bridge. Citizen Josiah Day got permission of the "General Court" to settle with other inhabitants "on the west side of the Greate River". So he bought of one Woodbridge for "550 pounds, old tenor", the land on the north side of West Springfield Common, close to the original church and schoolhouse, the land where the "Day House" still stands. Josiah Day was fourth in descent from the English emigrant ancestor Robert, who reached Salem two years before William Pynchon settled Springfield. Josiah was considerate enough to set a plainly carved brick in the east wall, close to a ground-floor window sill, which reads "1754."

This quaint old, vine-clad brick "mansion",—(it was called so in its earliest years,) stands in the north edge of the lovely Common. From these same small-paned windows many stirring scenes of Connecticut valley history were viewed; such as camps of the soldiers of Lord Jeffrey Amherst, (1717-1797) when on their way to Canada; of the captive Hessians of the baron Friederich Riedesel (1738-1800); or British General John Burgoyne, who contributed to history here in 1777.

The old house has descended through successive generations of the Days, a good number of them distinguished as foreign missionaries, down to 1903, when the property came into the incorporated possession of the Ramapogue Historical Society. It now contains a rare and valuable collection of relics and curiosities.



*Part of the Municipal Chime, as first seen,
not yet heard*

Thousands examined the bells of the Municipal Chime as soon as they arrived from the Meneely foundry at Troy, and were placed at the foot of the Campanile on the terrace, where a part of the grouping is shown. In a few days thereafter they were hoisted and built into their lofty belfry. In this unusual camera occasion, they are being inspected by chairman George Dwight Pratt of the Municipal Building Commission, evidence of whose taste and judgment are exemplified in numberless ways throughout the city's splendid buildings. He stands at the right of the party. Shown at the extreme left is Prof. Jason T. Draper, Holyoke teacher of science, an enthusiastic campanologist, among the earliest frequent ringers of the Chime. Centered in the picture in dark hat behind the largest (3200 pound) bell stands the veteran Springfield chime-ringer himself, Mr. Bagg, since 1913, their chief interpreter on all kinds of public and important civic occasions.

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